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78 killed by US terrorist car bomb

Suspicion falls on Islamic militants and Waco cult

From Martin Fletcher in Washington and Tom Rhodes in Oklahoma City

AT LEAST 78 people, including 17 children, were killed when a huge car bomb destroyed a government building in the centre of Oklahoma City yesterday. Hundreds more were injured by the explosion, which could be heard 30 miles away and caused immense damage to the surrounding area.

The 1,000lb bomb was believed to have been planted in the underground car park of the nine-storey Alfred Murrah building, which has a day-care centre for children in the basement. It ripped away an entire side of the building, spewing burning debris across the surrounding streets, setting nearby cars alight and sending huge billows of black smoke into the sky.

More than 500 federal employees work at the building — which houses several government agencies, including the secret service and the drugs enforcement agency — but many had not arrived for work when the bomb went off just after 9 am.

It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the blast, but the FBI issued an alert for three men, two of whom were described as Middle Eastern with dark hair and beards, who were seen driving away in a brown van with darkened windows.

The explosion coincided with the second anniversary of the assault on the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas, which left 75 people dead. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which led the assault on the compound, operates from the Alfred Murrah building, but members of the sect gathering for a memorial service yesterday angrily denied that they had carried out a revenge attack.

One anonymous caller claimed that the militant black Nation of Islam organisation was responsible, but the group denied responsibility. The White House said it knew of no warning being issued. The FBI set up a command centre in Washington to manage the investigation and a "very troubled" President Clinton vowed to bring those responsible to justice.

Frank Keating, the Governor of Oklahoma, said: "Obviously, no amateur did this. Whoever did this was an animal."

An injured baby boy is carried out: 17 children died

Rescue workers, backed up by military helicopters and emergency experts sent from Washington, struggled for hours to help survivors, but their efforts were hampered by reports of a second bomb in the building. "We have to crawl on our stomachs and feel our way and we're talking to victims who are in there and reassuring them that we're doing everything within the good Lord's power to reach them and get to them," Assistant Fire Chief Jon Hansen said.

One nurse said that she and her colleagues had been told to disband because officials had told them they had found 80 people, of whom only two were alive. Another paramedic said that at least 17 children were dead.

"It's just body after body after body in there," one rescue worker at the scene said. Rescuers formed a human chain 30 yards long going from what appeared to be the back door. The main city hospital set up an emergency centre near the site and appealed for extra help and blood donors.

Carole Lawton, 62, a secretary in the department of Housing and Urban Development, said she was sitting at her desk on the seventh floor when "all of a sudden the windows blew in. It got real dark and the ceiling just started coming down." She then heard "the roar of the whole building crumbling." She managed to crawl down some stairs and was not injured.

Dazed and bloodied survivors sat on pavements near by and volunteers ferried the wounded to hospitals in private cars while others were treated on the spot. Other people frantically searched for loved ones, including parents whose children were in the day-care centre in the building and at another nursery down the street.

Downtown business stopped as buildings near by were evacuated. Ginny Grilley, an office manager working on the thirtieth floor of a sky scraper several blocks away, said: "I thought we were dead. I've never heard anything that loud. It was just terrifying."

Millions of television viewers sat transfixed for hours as the tragedy unfolded before them in all its horror. Scenes broadcast on the live news programmes included a veterinary surgeon from the Department of Agriculture pulled out from the rubble and coaxed slowly down a long metal ladder perched precariously at what used to be the Alfred Murrah building's fifth floor. Covered in dust and looking bewildered, he said: "There's no floor. There's nothing there. If somebody did this, what could be their motive to hurt that many innocent people?"

A colleague said he thought the explosion was an earthquake. "It was like slow motion. I felt a shake, then it began shaking more. I dived under my desk and then all the glass came in. I think that's what saved me. All the glass was going all over the office. I can walk from my office to the door, and there's nothing there any more. The only offices that were spared was my office and my secretary's."

Television viewers also saw about 200 people running away from the building after sniffer dogs detected another unexploded bomb in the rubble, while other emotive images included toddlers being carried away, their heads bandaged and faces covered in blood.

America is a country unaccustomed to terrorist attacks, but two years ago six people died and 1,000 were injured in the World Trade Center bombing in New York, an attack bearing similarities to yesterday's explosion. Then, a rented van blew up in a parking garage beneath one of the center's twin towers in New York. Four men were later convicted of causing the explosion.

Yesterday, President Clinton ordered tightened security at federal buildings throughout America. The White House spokesman Mike McCurry said: "Obviously the President's first and foremost concern is that everything be done to assist those who had been victims. We have directed that federal buildings take any necessary precautions."

Those evacuated included government offices in Boston, Nabraska, Oregon and Delaware. The Boston City Hall was also cleared and the city's John F. Kennedy Federal Building was evacuated because of complaints of tampering in offices of the Internal Revenue Service, the federal agency in charge of collecting taxes. IRS employees said "certain doors and things" that should have been locked were found open, said Bob Dunfey, regional administrator for the General Services Administration, which oversees federal offices. "In response to the Oklahoma event, we're saying 'Let's be cautious here,'" Mr Dunfey said.

Shortly after noon, a bomb threat was received at Boston City Hall and it also was evacuated, and city workers were told to go home for the day.

The federal building in Wilmington, Delaware, was also evacuated shortly after noon as a precaution after a telephone bomb threat.

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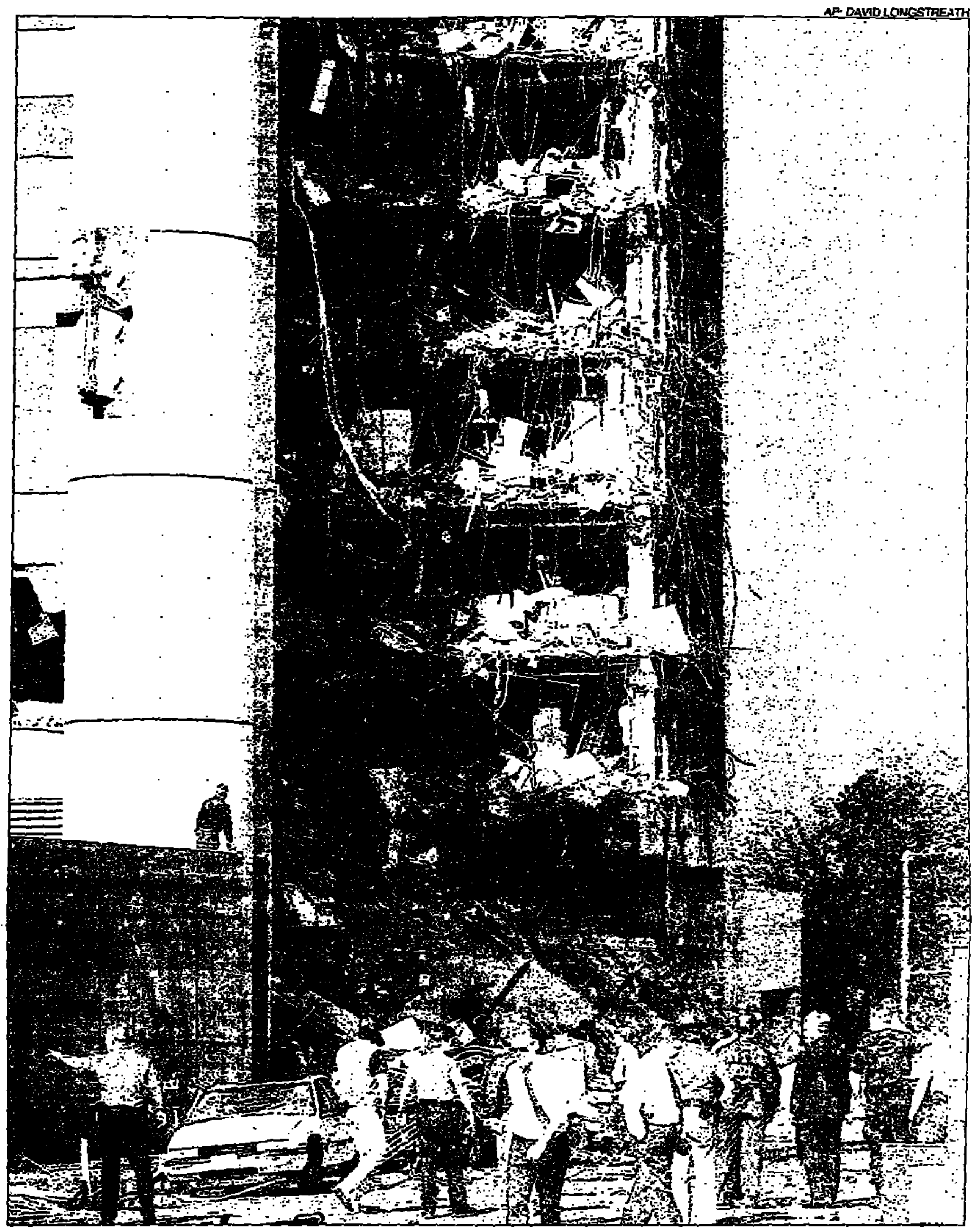

Police and emergency workers at the Alfred Murrah federal government office building in Oklahoma City

Ultimatum for British Gas

David Hunt, the Citizen's Charter Minister, has told British Gas that it must raise its standards or lose the charter mark, the official government accolade for good performance. The company has been given until the end of the year to make the grade.............Page 4

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Rate rise fears as £ tumbles

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

FEARS grew of an interest rate rise next month after the pound was caught in the downdraft from the beleaguered American dollar and slumped to a fresh low against a basket of currencies.

Sterling's trade-weighted index dipped to 83.6, against its previous low of 84 in February 1993, before closing at 83.9. The fall threatens the Chancellor's golden scenario of steady growth with low inflation. Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, who meet on May 5, had been hoping that the dollar, which has plunged by 20 per cent against the Japanese yen this year alone, would stabilise.

But there has been no respite and the City now believes that British interest rates will go up.

The minutes of a meeting between the Governor and the Chancellor on March 8 — published yesterday — suggest that Mr George wants the option to raise rates even before their May 5 meeting.

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Police name shot officer

A police officer shot dead in east London on Tuesday night was named yesterday as PC Phillip Walters, 28, from Harlow, Essex. Two men are in custody and a third is being hunted. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, described the incident as "very tragic" but rejected suggestions that more officers should be armed.............Page 2

Trawler fined

The captain of a Spanish trawler was fined £34,000 and ordered to pay £1,200 costs by Plymouth magistrates yesterday for fishing illegally in British waters. The magistrates ordered the trawler to be detained until the fines have been paid. Boxes of immature fish were found hidden below piles of other fish.............Page 2

Pensions U-turn for war widows

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE Government is to avoid a political storm in the approach to VE-Day by agreeing to extend eligibility for pensions paid to thousands of war widows.

Ministers have decided against trying to overturn a Lords decision to restore the £140 a week pension to war widows who have remarried and who have subsequently been bereaved or divorced.

The cost is likely to be £40 million a year. But ministers have decided that any attempt to reverse the Lords defeat would fail when the Pensions Bill comes before the Commons next week.

Most of the 46,000 widows whose husbands died from injuries sustained on active service receive £7,924 a year, tax free. They lose the pension if they remarry.

The Lords decided that the payment should be restored if they are divorced or bereaved later. There have been reports that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was trying to persuade the Cabinet to reverse the change.

Huge presssure from MPs of all parties have convinced ministers that this would be impossible. By last week some 190 MPs had signed a Commons motion calling on the Government to adopt the proposals "to honour the dead of two world wars and the campaigns since 1945 by paying Britain's war widows a pension for life".

Other improvements to help war widows were narrowly defeated in the Lords and the Government will come under pressure next week to make further concessions. These were not being ruled out last night.

There are only 48,00 war widows left from the 112,000 of 20 years ago. Eighty per cent are over 70 years old and campaigners point out that they will be a decreasing burden on the state.

The campaign in the Lords was led by Lord Freyberg, a crossbencher. He said: "These women have no pension at all. They are in severe financial difficulties.

"Across the rest of Europe all war widows get a better deal. In Britain they are expected to choose between the possibility of a new marriage and happiness and the benefit of a continuous pension. This is a cruel choice."

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Shooting 'a tragic reminder of the courage we demand of police officers'

Howard rejects routine arming as force mourns PC

By Emma Wilkins, Stewart Tendler and Lin Jenkins

SIR Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, led the tributes yesterday to PC Phillip Walters, the officer shot dead in east London on Tuesday night. His killing was "a devastating blow", Sir Paul said.

"I think all of London and the nation as a whole join us today in extending sympathy and understanding to the family and friends of the young officer who died last night, and support for his colleague, Derek Shepherd, who was also injured."

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, described the shooting as a "very tragic event" and added: "It reminds us yet again of how much we owe to those police officers who risk their lives on our behalf on the streets of this country day and night."

But he rejected suggestions that officers should be routinely armed. "I don't think most police officers in this country want to be armed and I don't think most people in this country want them to be armed."

He said that he was determined to do everything he could to ensure that police were protected as effectively as possible, but added: "I don't think this makes the case for arming the police as matter of routine."

PC Walters died of a shot to the chest from a revolver after he and other officers from Ilford station on the edge of east London went to investigate reports of noise and a disturbance at a house divided into flats in Empress Avenue. Police interrupted three men fleeing from the house in an incident which may have been linked to drugs.

As officers rushed over to PC Walters another of the suspects fled despite wearing handcuffs. A WPC gave chase through the streets and brought him down. PC Shepherd, who was PC Walters's partner, was wounded in the hand and knee when he grappled with the killer. A third man is still missing and yesterday police issued a description of a black man aged between 25-35.

PC Walters's family visited the scene of his murder in Empress Avenue yesterday. His mother Jean Miller who lives in Royston, Hertfordshire, wept as she laid a red rose and a posy amid the floral tributes that had arrived during the day. His father Colin, an electrician, and second wife Jean, arrived shortly afterwards from their home in Ilford.

PC Walters, 28, from Harlow, Essex, was awarded a baton of honour as the top trainee in his intake while at the police training centre in Hendon. Sir Paul said he was an enthusiastic young officer destined for promotion. "I consider it a tragic reminder of the courage that we demand of police officers. Once again a young officer has died in the service of London."

Phillip Walters decided to join the force in August 1993, ending a two-year career as one of British Midland airline's cabin crew. Based at Heathrow, he flew on the airline's domestic and Continental routes. He passed City and Guilds exams in business studies and photography at Ware College, Hertfordshire.

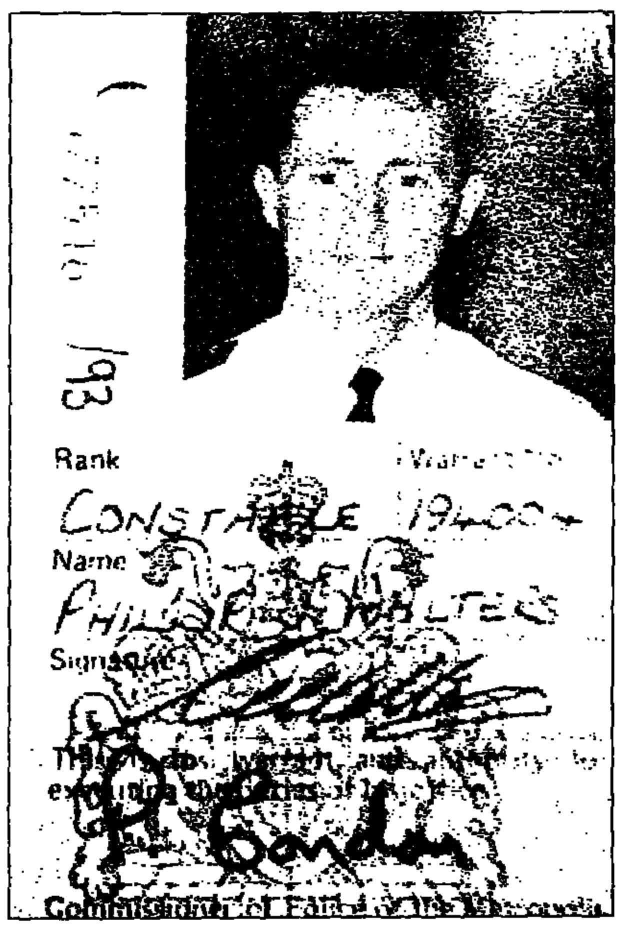
PC Shepherd's wife said yesterday that her husband had been devastated by the killing three years ago of another colleague, Sergeant Alan King. Helen Shepherd, 32, a WPC based at Ilford with her husband, said: "It must have been hell for him to have the same horror happen all over again.

"It's not so much the problem of his hand or knee, it's the mental scars which will have a lasting effect. I cannot imagine what it must have been like for him. He is extremely shaken and upset."

PC Shepherd, who holds a Chief Superintendent's Commendation, was recovering yesterday at his home in Hertfordshire.

Sergeant King was attacked in Walthamstow, east London, in November 1991 after approaching two men. He was stabbed in the chest, head and face and one assailant smashed his radio so he could not call for assistance. A man was subsequently convicted of his murder.

Sergeant King and PC Shepherd were stationed together at Ilford until Sergeant King was transferred to Chingford five months before his death.



PC Phillip Walters's police identification card

Colin Walters, the officer's father, visiting the murder scene yesterday with his wife Jean and a WPC. PC Derek Shepherd, below, was injured in the attack

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Sea-change poses threat of natural de-selection

To every cloud there is a silver lining: even global warming and rising sea-levels. "I have the honour," declared John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, yesterday, "to represent a constituency almost all of which would disappear beneath the waves".

MPs looked up. For many the thought was occurring, perhaps for the first time, that global warming might not be all bad. Naturally there was sorrow that so many innocent electors would also have to sink beneath the waves alongside their MP: but no great prize comes without a price.

Labour's Paul Flynn (Newport W) had just reminded MPs that large swaths of South Wales (for instance Newport) would disappear too, if the sea rises. English Tories cheered up. Sadly, the Chief Whip was not there. Has it struck Mr Ryder that if carbon dioxide levels continue to increase, some of the first constituencies to go submarine will be Billericay, Southend E, Great Yarmouth, and Holland-with-Boston? All will join the North Sea.

Submerged, or cast adrift in small boats, will be Sir Teddy Taylor, Michael Carttiss and Sir Richard Body. That takes care of one third of the Tory Eurorebels. A fourth, Teresa Gorman (whipless, Billericay), who does not believe in global warming, will presumably refuse all offers of help and sink beneath the waves still protesting her scepticism: until the brine engulfs even Mrs Gorman's song, rising finally in rebellious bubbles to the surface. That moment the Chief Whip will especially savour.

Relatively small further increases in the sea level will swamp the West Midlands, seeing off Aldridge Brownhills and Wolverhampton SW, and dispatching Richard Shepherd and Nicholas Budgen. Northampton N (Tony Marlow) and Ruislip, Northwood (John Wilkinson) will also go. That will leave only one Tory Eurorebel, Christopher Gill, marooned on a hill in Ludlow, where he can do no harm.

Such a development will also consign Westminster itself to the sea-bed: but the look on Mr Ryder's face in recent months has suggested that no upheaval could be be called a catastrophe if certain individuals were among its victims. As for those individuals, it would not take John Wilkinson long to convince his pals that global warming is actually a Brussels-organised conspiracy to drown English patriots.

Missing from the Chamber as MPs discussed rising sea-levels was Andrew Robathan (C, Blaby). A pity, as when his question was reached, it had to be missed. Robathan, who was once in the SAS and for all we know may have killed for Britain, wanted to ask Mr Gummer "what assessment his department has made of the damage being done to British wildlife by feral mink?" Those mink, of course, are Canadian. Tory Eurosceptics will hear no ill of Canada just at present, as they are supporting our Commonwealth cousins against the evil Spaniards.

How, then, do Brugeists see the Feral Mink Question? Apart from insisting on keeping border controls (to stop further mink arriving via the Continent) it is intriguing to know how the furry menace can be traced to Brussels, blamed on Jacques Delors, or linked to the evils of a single currency.

Now we never will know. I blame Robathan. How can an ex-SAS officer fail to make it back, when our own Betty Boothroyd, trained only with the Tiller Girls, crawls through landslides in the Atlas Mountains to be here on time?

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Spanish skipper fined £34,000

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

THE captain of a Spanish trawler was fined £34,000 and ordered to pay £1,200 costs by Plymouth magistrates yesterday for fishing illegally in British waters. The magistrates ordered the trawler to be detained for three months or until the fines have been paid.

Luis Blanco Nosti and his boat, the *Chimbote*, which is based in the Spanish port of *La Coruna*, were arrested last Friday by a Royal Navy fisheries protection vessel southwest of the Isles of Scilly.

Nosti pleaded guilty to using nets that did not comply with European Union regulations; failing to record accurately his catches of anglerfish, megrim and saithe; and retaining on board undersize megrim and witch flounder.

The court was told that boxes of immature, undersize fish were found hidden below piles of other fish and octopus. Some nets on board the boat had a mesh size of 70 millimetres, 10 millimetres smaller than the minimum permitted under EU rules. In addition to the fines, Nosti had his catch — worth £14,480 — confiscated.

Third teachers' union threatens class-size strikes

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

THOUSANDS of teachers face having their pay docked over strikes against larger classes as a third union voted yesterday to ballot on industrial action.

Delegates at the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers annual conference approved a strategy intended to safeguard parental support by ordering strikes only as a last resort. Individual teachers would be free to decide when to impose a "reasonable limit" on a class size by sending some children to be supervised elsewhere.

Their decision leaves Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, facing a coalition of teacher unions threatening disruption in state schools through the summer and into the new academic year. The National Union of Teachers will vote next month on a one-day national strike with the prospect of local stoppages to follow.

Officials advising local authority employers are preparing plans in anticipation of action. The Local Government Management Board, which represents councils in pay and conditions negotiations with teachers, is drawing up advice for authorities recommending that teachers who join strikes have pay deducted.

The board is understood to be wrestling with the legal questions thrown up by yesterday's union plan to exclude "surplus pupils" from large classes. While teachers who send pupils home might risk pay deductions, the position of those who organise for pupils to be "baby-sat" by the head teacher or in the library remains unclear.

Officials are concerned that such action could leave local authorities vulnerable to court challenges from parents for failing in their legal duty to provide children with a proper education. Andy Inett, the board's principal negotiating officer, said: "On strike action we would have to issue advice to all local education authorities recommending that they are able to make pay deductions."

Only a handful of teachers had pay deducted for joining the mass boycott two years ago on national tests because there was safety in numbers. But industrial action against larger classes is likely to be localised, making pay docking of individual teachers or schools a more potent threat.

Janet Daley, page 18

Cabinet backs nuclear sell-off

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

THE Government moved closer to taking the decision to sell most of Britain's nuclear industry last night.

Michael Heseltine is understood to have won heavyweight support as he urged a Cabinet committee to go ahead with a plan that would give a renewed impetus to the privatisation programme and provide funds for tax cuts in the run-up to the election.

The President of the Board of Trade, as well as setting out the advantages of privatisation, is understood to have dwelt on the potential pitfalls. Having been thwarted in his attempt to privatise the Post Office, he is aware of the need to ensure that party and Cabinet opinion is on his side before the sale is announced.

He told fellow minsiters that the sale of such a sensitive industry could prove controversial. The Prime Minister has made plain that he backs the sale of Nuclear Electric provided that any concerns about the safety of the industry can be met.

There were strong signs yesterday that opposition within the Cabinet to the sale has faded. Kenneth Clarke is a strong ally of Mr Heseltine over the sale, and he has received backing from Ian Lang and John Redwood, the Scottish and Welsh secretaries, and Michael Portillo, the Treasury Chief Secretary.

Under the plan presented by Mr Heseltine the six older remaining Magnox stations would be kept in state hands. The five advanced gas-cooled reactors and Sizewell B, a pressurised water reactor, would be sold and the eventual costs of decommissioning borne by the private sector.

High-tech justice demanded

The Law Society is calling for greater use of technology in the civil courts with judges deciding cases on the basis of telephone or video conferences with lawyers. It also says unrepresented litigants should have access to legal information via computer "kiosks" at sites including courts, libraries and advice centres.

The suggested reforms are in the society's evidence to Lord Woolf's review of civil justice.

Stormont blame

An electrical fault under the Speaker's chair was the most likely cause of the fire that destroyed the Stormont debating chamber and damaged rooms in January, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, told MPs.

Fraud charge

A man was arrested in the Irish Republic and charged with conspiring to defraud Britain out of more than £1 million in agricultural levies. John Oliver Byrne, 44, formerly of Aghadavoyle, Co Armagh, denies the charge.

Navy sinks £33m

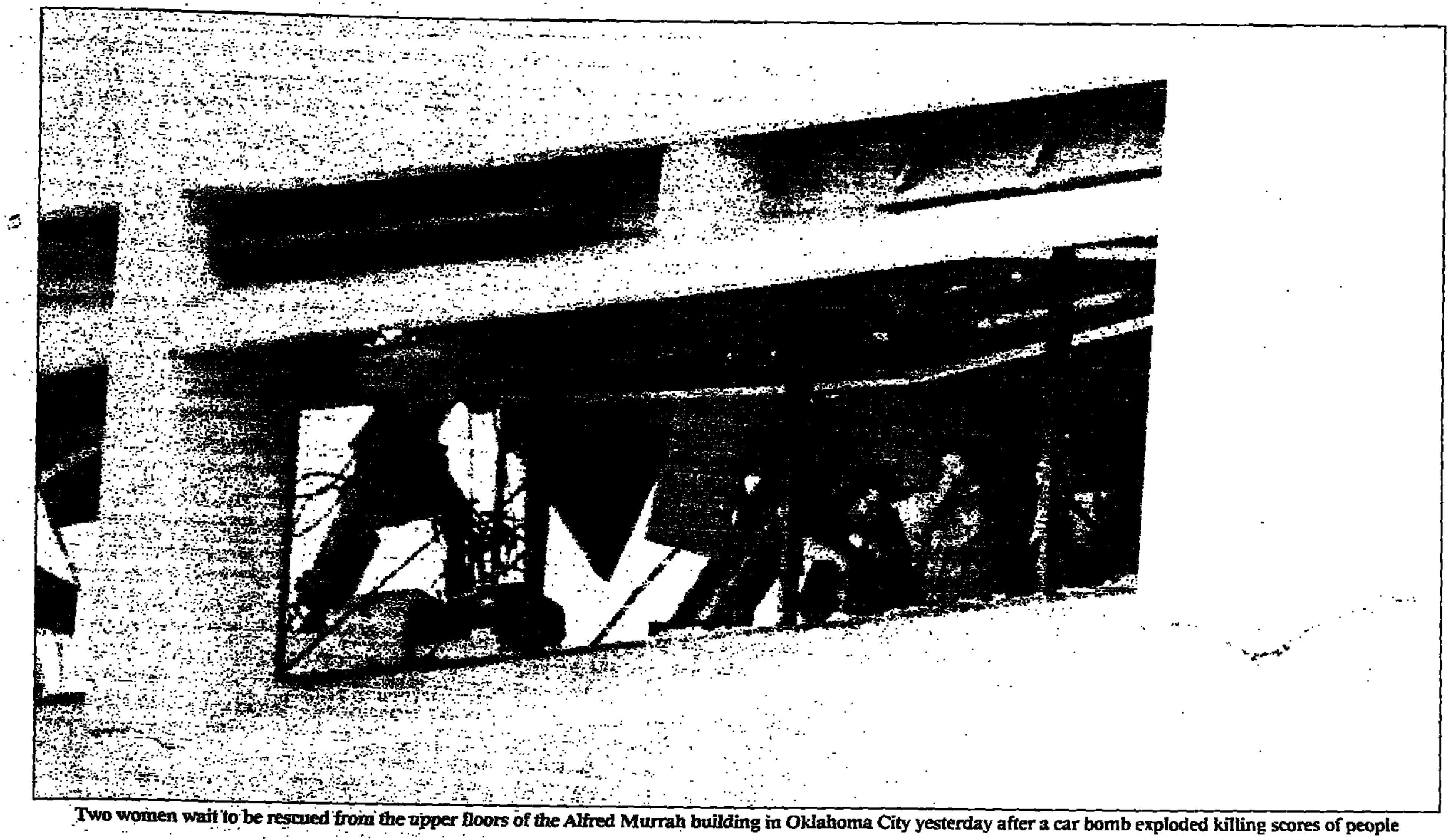
The Navy has spent £33 million in the past eight years maintaining two frigates that are to be used for target practice. *HMS Jupiter* and *Hermione* will be blown up because they cannot be sold, the Defence Ministry said.

Abortion trial

Reginald Dixon, 58, a consultant gynaecologist, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, was sent for trial charged with carrying out an illegal abortion during a routine hysterectomy operation on a 35-year-old woman in March 1993.

Soldier's suicide

Private James Bainger, 24, serving in Bosnia, shot himself after being reprimanded for writing sexually explicit letters to girls advertising in *Soldier* magazine, an inquest in north London was told.



Two women wait to be rescued from the upper floors of the Alfred Murrah building in Oklahoma City yesterday after a car bomb exploded killing scores of people

Dispute still rages over Waco inferno

BY ALAN HAMILTON
MARTIN FLETCHER AND
GILES WHITTELL

The blazing end of the Branch Davidian sect's compound at Waco in Texas two years ago yesterday

Since the Waco disaster two years ago, the American authorities have been widely criticised for their handling of the affair. There is a significant minority of Americans, particularly on the libertarian Right, who feel the assault was unjustified and that the Branch Davidian cultists, led by David Koresh, were badly wronged.

The Waco siege began on February 28, 1993, when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, (ATF), mounted an abortive raid on the compound to arrest Koresh and his followers for illegally stockpiling arms. In the ensuing gunfight, four ATF officers and six cult members died. An FBI siege lasting 51 days followed, and riveted America. Neither negotiations nor aggressive psychological warfare tactics persuaded Koresh and his followers to surrender. On April 19, 1993, it ended in a noon-day apocalypse of biblical proportions.

Eighty-six people, including 15 children under the age of ten, died in the inferno which reduced the fortress of insanity to smoking rubble in less than an hour. Only nine people survived. Twenty-six of the dead were British, many of them former Seventh-Day Adventists recruited to the cult from Nottingham and Manchester.

Argument has raged since over whether the all-consuming flame was lit as a result of the FBI assault, or whether the inmates of the Mount Carmel complex chose a defiant death of self-immolation. It took the authorities weeks to recover and identify the bodies.

Koresh had taken over the farm on the Texas prairie in 1987 and rebuilt it into a heavily-fortified headquarters for his bizarre cult, headed by himself as the self-styled Lamb of God. The day after the initial ATF assault, the farm was surrounded by 500 armed police and FBI agents, and so began seven weeks of negotiations between besiegers and besieged. Nineteen children, aged between five months and 11 years, and a number of adults, several of them elderly, were allowed to leave the compound, but Koresh consistently refused to give in. The FBI claimed that it wished to free the inmates because they suspected child sexual abuse was taking place within. But they later admitted they had no evidence to support their claim.

On the 51st day of the siege, FBI patience ran out. Just before sunrise on April 19, an M60 military engineers' tank equipped with a long boom lumbered up to the walls of the compound under a hail of small-arms fire from within, and smashed a hole in the wall. Through the gap it squirted teargas, which the FBI subsequently claimed was non-toxic and non-flammable.

The exercise was repeated a dozen times during the morning. Tanks smashed more holes in the walls and pumped in more teargas in the expectation that it would drive the inmates out.

But it did not. Instead, the FBI, police and a vast crowd of spectators outside were horrified to see, a few minutes after midday, smoke billowing from the roofs at opposite ends of the complex, quickly followed by flames that leapt hundreds of feet into the air. Within minutes, Mount Carmel was a pillar of fire.

Witnesses in police helicopters hovering over the scene claimed to have seen cult members deliberately start at least three fires within the compound. Survivors reported hearing the excited shouts of other inmates: "The fire is lit, the fire is lit." Some said the blaze had been started by the boom of an M60 tank knocking over a paraffin lamp, while others claimed that Koresh had previously ordered the entire complex to be doused with petrol.

The FBI claimed that Koresh had given the order for a mass suicide. One survivor told police that, when the fire started, Koresh told his hapless disciples: "Stay put, do nothing, wait until you see God. God is coming, the end is nigh." Relatives of some of the dead described the FBI operation as "disgusting", alleging that the agency knew perfectly well that Koresh was unhinged and quite likely to engineer some form of mass suicide. His body was found with a bullet hole in his forehead.

After the fire came the recriminations. President Clinton and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, continued to insist that there was growing evidence of child abuse. Ms Reno said that, if she had felt there was any danger of mass suicide, she would never have authorised the operation. She went on to accept full responsibility for the disaster and admitted the assault had been a mistake, but survived calls for her resignation.

That autumn the Treasury Department, of which the ATF is part, condemned the ATF for its handling of the initial raid, calling it ill-planned, ill-executed and "tragically wrong". Stephen Higgins, the ATF director, was dismissed. A separate Justice Department report concluded that the cultists had started the fire that destroyed the compound.

In February last year, a Texas district court acquitted the 11 survivors of charges of murder arising from the deaths of the four ATF agents in the initial raid, though seven were convicted on lesser charges of weapons possession and later imprisoned. Americans were left with the feeling that the entire operation, and the Administration's explanations for it, had been confused, contradictory and inept.

Last night, the whereabouts of the five survivors, and other sect members outside the compound at the time of its destruction, was unclear. Last summer three Branch Davidians were found stockpiling weapons in a cabin in the mountains of Colorado, apparently hoping to revive the sect. They were being closely watched by the FBI and local sheriff.

The former wife of one of the sect's founders continued for a long time to live in a shack on the site of the destroyed compound.

A Briton jailed after the Waco siege denied yesterday that his sect had bombed the Oklahoma building. Renof Avraam, 31, from Tottenham, north London, was imprisoned for 30 years in June 1994 for possessing a firearm during the commission of a violent offence.

"There's no way these bombings are anything to do with Branch Davidians," he said from his cell in El Reno prison. "I've been watching it on TV and it's absolutely horrifying. We just would not get involved in anything like this.

"I'll admit it's kind of strange that it has happened two years to the day of Waco, but we are not terrorists. It wouldn't be anything to do with Branch Davidians. We are interested in God and peace, so to do something like this would be against what we believe in."

Avraam spent two years in Waco before the siege. He will appeal against his conviction and sentence in May 1995.

There was no cheering on Mount Carmel, near Waco, when news came through yesterday morning of the Oklahoma City bombing, according to a speaker at a memorial service on the second anniversary of the storming of the compound.

"It's a tragedy, and that was the reaction of everyone at Mount Carmel," James Pate told *The Times* shortly after the service. "Everyone was very sad. There certainly weren't any cheers or anything. I don't think there's any reason to connect the bombing to the Branch Davidians."

A spokesman for the sect had earlier denied responsibility for the tragedy. Mr Pate, a staunch supporter of the Branch Davidians and writer on the role of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said the fact that the explosion in Oklahoma City occurred on the second anniversary of the raid was an "unfortunate coincidence".

Some 250 people, including roughly a dozen survivors of the April 1993 raid, attended yesterday's service on the site of the compound, Mr Pate said. News of the Oklahoma bombing was relayed to them between speeches by someone who had heard it on the radio. The service was addressed by Ramsey Clark, a lawyer and formerly the United States Attorney-General, who is representing survivors of the Waco raid in lawsuits against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

US agents try to unravel Islamic terror network

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

EVER since the World Trade Centre bombing in New York in 1993, investigators have uncovered growing evidence of an Islamic terrorist network determined to strike against the United States.

The breakthrough came in February when American agents captured Ramzi Yousef, accused of masterminding the World Trade Centre blast, at a hostel in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad. Investigators have established links between Mr Yousef and Islamic radicals as far afield as Pakistan, Denmark and the Philippines. Four Islamic radicals have already been sentenced to life imprisonment for their part in the World Trade Centre bombing.

Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the leader of Egypt's fundamentalist movement, and 11 followers are now on trial for plotting a subsequent "day of terror" in New York with simultaneous bombings of commuter tunnels, bridges, FBI offices and the United Nations building.

The World Trade Centre explosion on February 26, 1993, left six dead and more than 1,000 injured, the largest terrorist attack at the time on American soil. About 1,000lbs of homemade explosives were packed into the back of a rental van left in the basement car park.

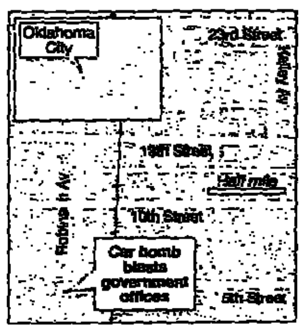
By piecing together the serial number of the van from the wreckage, the FBI was able to catch the first suspect — Muhammad Salameh — within days as he tried to claim back the deposit he had put on the van, saying it had been stolen. Police quickly rounded up three other suspects, but Mr Yousef had fled to Pakistan.

Abdel Rahman: on trial for "day of terror"

Despite a $2 million (£1.3 million) reward, investigators picked up his trail only last January when police in the Philippines discovered a bomb factory in a flat in Manila.

American officials now believe Mr Yousef was responsible not just for the World Trade Centre bombing but also an attack on a Philippines airliner in December which left one Japanese passenger dead. He is thought to have been plotting other attacks on US airliners in Asia.

Mr Yousef is now in custody in New York, along with Kahim Murad, a friend and associate who was extradited last week from the Philippines. Both are believed to be soldiers in a group calling itself the Fifth Battalion of the Liberation Army, an anti-Israeli group based in Pakistan. In his first interview since his arrest, Mr Yousef said he was "only a supporter of the liberation army which claimed responsibility for the attack on the World Trade Centre".



Dustbowl turns oil producer

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

OKLAHOMA takes it name from the Choctaw Indian words for "land of the red people". Once the hunting ground of Comanches and Apaches, it still has the highest Native American population of any state except California.

Oklahoma became the 46th state of the Union in 1907 and was the most important oil producer until the end of the 1920s. It now ranks fifth. Many Oklahomans trekked to California in the 1930s to escape a vast farming dustbowl. But by the 1980s, military and industrial development, as well as big rises in oil and gas revenues, had turned Oklahoma into one of the fastest growing states.

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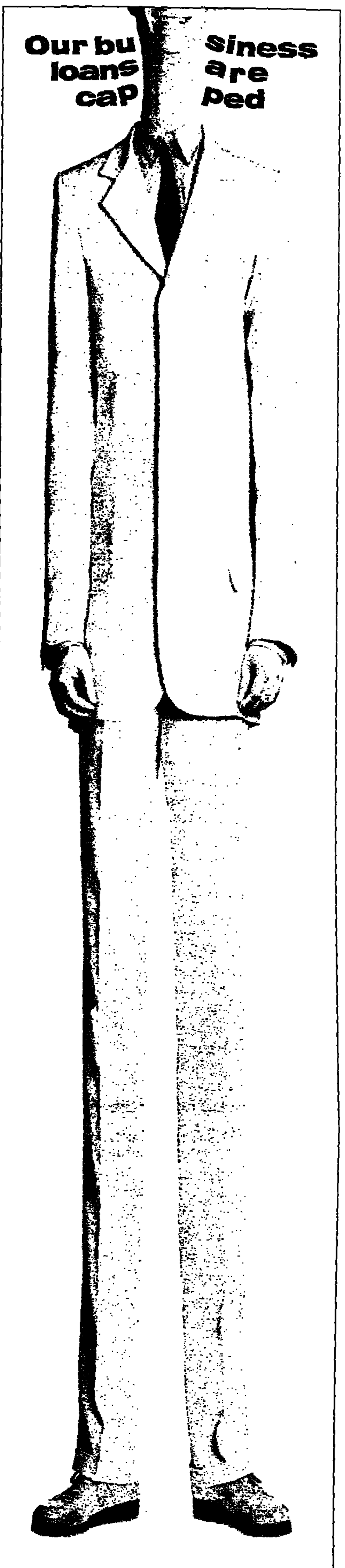

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Shape up or lose charter mark, British Gas told

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

BRITISH Gas was put on probation by the Government yesterday as ministers tried to shame it into improving its services to customers.

David Hunt, the Citizen's Charter Minister, added to the troubles of Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief executive, by telling him that it must raise its standards or lose the charter mark, the official government accolade for good performance. The company has been given until the end of the year to make the grade.

While the complaining customers of British Gas may not regard that as the most draconian of penalties, it is one of the few ways the Government can indicate its disapproval of the way the company is being run. It is a further setback to Mr Brown, who has been under pressure over the 75 per cent increase in his salary to £475,000 earlier this year.

It would be the first time that any company had lost a charter mark, awarded under the Citizen's Charter for excellence in the provision of public services. Ministers believe that the threat of humiliation will drive the company to a better performance.

The move follows representations to Mr Hunt from the Gas Consumers' Council, which has reported a big increase in complaints from the public over accounts, servicing and repairs, staff manners, lack of reply to letters and the non-answering of telephones. The council has accused British Gas of "cutting corners in customer care".

Hunt: hails action plan

A clearly chastened British Gas agreed swiftly to an action programme designed to improve its performance and image. That involves:

☐ More training for staff dealing directly with customers.

☐ Front-line staff will be empowered to make amends to dissatisfied customers.

☐ Additional telephone lines to ensure that 90 per cent of calls are answered in 30 seconds or less.

☐ Increased staffing and weekend working to clear the backlog of correspondence and telephone inquiries.

☐ A leaflet to all customers outlining the changes in the structure of British Gas.

☐ A national quality audit to ensure that service work is of the highest quality.

☐ A freephone number to enable customers to discover the location of their nearest payment outlet.

Ministers said last night that British Gas's agreement to an action plan was proof that the often-mocked charter had teeth. Mr Hunt said: "I believe that this very positive programme shows the real value of the charter mark scheme as a reward for excellence — the charter mark means business."

He added: "British Gas have assured me that their aim is to re-establish their reputation for excellence as quickly as possible and that their new structure will ultimately enable them to be more responsive to customers. They are determined to provide the highest levels of service."

Up to 100 charter marks are awarded each year and it would require a sustained drop in performance for a winner to lose one.

Complaints against British Gas have soared in recent months. On January 19 the consumers' council wrote to Mr Hunt suggesting that the company be given a timetable for regaining its standards.

SIMON WALKER

Pavarotti at Harrods yesterday: "This perfume is sexy"

Pavarotti sells the essence of his life at £27 a bottle

By Joe Joseph

A FLUSTERED minder squeaked "This is not in the schedule," as Luciano Pavarotti stopped for an impromptu pizza in Harrods' Food Hall, *en route* to launching his new men's fragrance *Pavarotti*.

The crowds swelled. The pizza chef sang a Neapolitan aria. And Luciano — dressed in a hippo-sized green Barbour and a colourful tablecloth around his neck — smiled contentedly as tills jangled from devotees handing over £27 for a 75ml flask of his *eau de toilette*.

The smell? According to the press information sheet, there is a "bouquet of Sicilian lemon, neroli, Paraguayan petit-grain and verbena ... Egyptian geranium leaves ... Damascene roses ... cloves from Madagascar ... Sumatran patchouli".

So a bit like *Old Spice*, then? "Er, ya, no," Paola Schmid, of the Italian manufacturer, Eurocosmesi, said. "*Old Spice* is very nice, but this is more ... um ... unusual."

You mean because of the "Siamese benzoin and opoponax given added vigour by the oriental tones of Tonka-bean liatrix and vanilla", and because the whole thing "blazes forth with intoxicating opulence before yielding to oak-musk and amber"? You got it exactly, Mrs Schmid said.

And what did Luciano think of it? "They say this perfume is sexy," he purred through that huge, hairy smile. So it makes you more desirable to women? "Oh, yes." Pavrotti designed the fragrance himself after Eurocosmesi approached him a year ago. "He wanted it to smell like his sense of life," Mrs Schmid said.

To the adoring crowds, Pavarotti was patience itself, signing their boxes of *eau de toilette*, their opera programmes, their books, drawing the line only at autographing a *Daily Express* review of his performance in *Un ballo in maschera* at Covent Garden last week.

He joins a creaky queue of celebrities who have launched their own scents. Most — from Linda Evans's *Crystal* and Joan Collins's *Scandal* to Sophia Loren's *Remember* and Herb Alpert's *Listen* — faltered.

Elizabeth Taylor's *White Diamonds* is a rare success, sustained by Miss Taylor's personal promotional appearances. But if *Pavarotti* is a success, the opera singer may revive the trend. Look out for *Cantona No 5*, the after-shave that packs a punch; *L'Air du Blair*, Tony's formula guaranteed to attract women, men, some unionists, and even Paul Johnson; and maybe even *Ginny*, Bottomley's trademark scent that has an instant distancing effect on your closest colleagues.

Air pocket in hat saves life of buried geologist

By Michael Horsnell

A CAMBRIDGE University researcher buried for more than an hour in a 20ft trench attributed his survival to an air pocket created by the hard hat he was wearing.

Cimhai Gao, 32, a Chinese-born geologist, was collecting soil samples at a farm in Willingham, Cambridgeshire, when the trench collapsed. After treatment in hospital, he said yesterday: "I still can't really believe how I survived. I owe my life to my hard hat which trapped some air and allowed me to breathe."

Firemen had to scrape away soil using their hands and small trowels because they feared that using a mechanical digger could seriously injure Mr Gao. After an hour of careful digging they were amazed to find that he had suffered only from hypothermia and a broken arm.

Geoff Quince, a fireman, said: "We thought we were digging out a body until he started to talk to us. He is an extremely lucky man. He was helped because he was doubled up and his hard hat had slipped off his head to create an air pocket around his face."

Mr Gao, of Arbury, Cambridge, who is married with a five-year-old son, said: "I cannot describe how overjoyed I was as they dug me free. When I saw the blue sky again, I thought my life was starting all over again. This is my second life now."

Gao: "I still can't really believe how I survived"

Naming ceremony offered as alternative to baptism

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

FIRST MPs changed the laws to allow civil marriages to be held in castles and boats, now they want parents to be able to choose where to hold christenings.

Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, and Lord Young of Dartington, who started the Consumer's Association, are co-sponsoring a Bill this week which would allow a civil naming ceremony as an alternative to the Christian baptism. Parents would be able to choose between their back garden or a castle, and whether they wanted poems or prayers, rings or crosses for their baby's first rites.

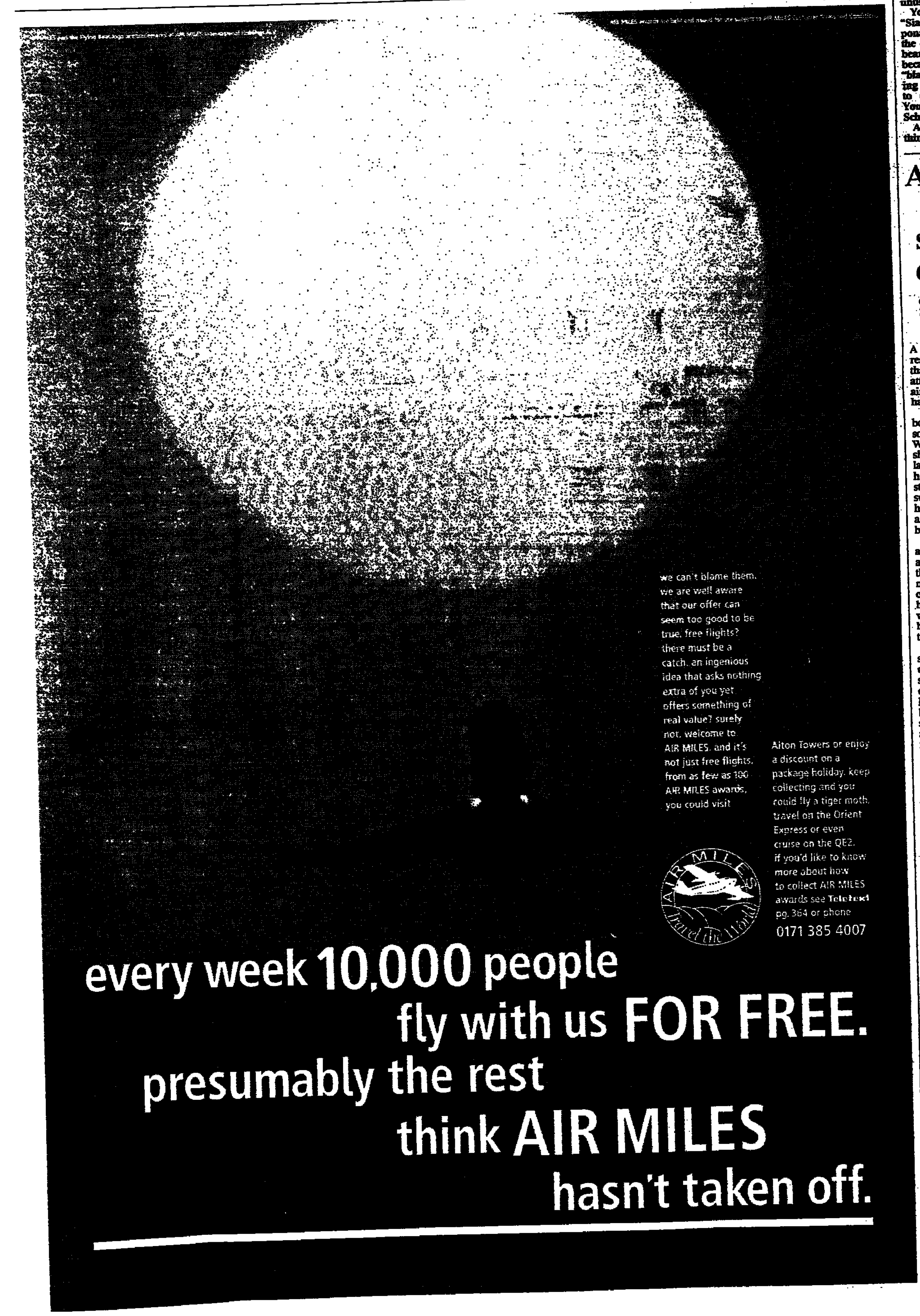
A registrar would conduct a welcoming ritual and the parents would express their commitment to the child. They could also appoint godparents or sponsors and would be encouraged to make a will.

A precedent was set when MPs overturned the 160-year-old laws on weddings in January with a private member's Bill sponsored by Gyles Brandreth, Tory MP for Chester City. Universal Christian baptism in Britain is more than 1,000 years old but the number of children baptised has fallen from 68 per cent in 1950 to 29 per cent.

Mr Field hopes his Bill will confront the decline and growing anger that vicars are refusing to baptise children if their parents are not religious. He believes most people no longer view baptisms as a washing away of original sin, with the unbaptised not going to heaven.

"Baptisms are vitally important ceremonies for bringing families together. If the parents are not married it might be the first time the grandparents will have met each other and it gives everyone a chance to reflect on their responsibilities," he said.

Backbench MPs are ready to support the Bill and although officially the Government is saying nothing, the Health Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, is said to approve of the idea.



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‘If people demonstrate peacefully, there will be no problem. If they break the law, they face arrest’

Police warn protesters as Dover lifts livestock ban

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

DOVER is bracing itself for mass protests today when livestock exports to the Continent resume. Last week the High Court ordered the port to lift its ban on the trade.

The first shipment of animals for slaughter is due to leave the Eastern Docks for Dunkirk about 1.30pm on the *Cap Canaille*, a roll-on, roll-off vessel licensed to carry up to 18 lorries. The boat underwent berthing trials yesterday.

Kent police said they were "prepared for any eventuality" but were not seeking confrontation with animal rights activists. "If people protest peacefully, as they have every right to do, there will be no problem. But if they are breaking the law, then they may well be arrested," a spokesman said.

In contrast to Essex Police in Brightlingsea, Kent County Constabulary has made a point of not invoking the Public Order Act, which requires six days' written notice to the police of any demonstration or procession. Twelve people were arrested under the Act in Brightlingsea on Tuesday.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, refused to comment yesterday on whether the Essex police were right to use the Act against demonstrators. "These are matters entirely for the local police to decide," he said. Kent police said that no leave or rest days had yet been cancelled. "We do not want to throw hundreds of officers at this problem if it is not necessary."

Waldegrave: EU support

John Callaghan of Compassion in World Farming said: "We are expecting several hundred people at least to turn out. Our main concern is that the demonstration might be hijacked by people who have no real interest in animal welfare and who are aiming at other targets, such as the Criminal Justice Act."

Peter Gilder, the road haulier who brought the court case against Dover Harbour Board and chartered the *Cap Canaille*, said: "I am reasonably confident the protests will not be as large as some have predicted. We will be loading ten lorries carrying a total of about 3,000 sheep and calves. Another sailing is planned on Friday at the same time and then each day next week."

Keith Southey, Dover Harbour Board's public relations manager, said: "We are hopeful the police will be capable of maintaining a free flow of traffic into the port. We will be open for business as usual."

During the High Court hearing, the board said animal rights protests could seriously disrupt other business or even force the port's closure. Dover handles 19 million passengers, three million cars and a million lorries a year and is approached by a single road.

Dover banned livestock cargoes on January 6. The three main cross-Channel ferry operators, P&O, Stena Sealink and Brittany Ferries, had already stopped carrying farm animals, except for breeding. They are continuing with this policy. The court ruling affects only port authorities.

William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, ruled out a unilateral ban on live animal exports and said Britain was "on the way" to winning European support for abolishing veal crates.

BRYN COLTON

Glover: "I've put a lot of people out of work"

Fresh battles loom for animal warrior

By Dominic Kennedy

WHILE police confronted demonstrators at Brightlingsea, the animal campaigner Mark Glover was already at the next flashpoint. He spent Tuesday in Dover, where exports of live animals for slaughter are due to resume today.

"You are going to see similar scenes," he said. "There will be major disruption. It will not take much of a demonstration for the whole thing to grind to a halt. I predict that will happen."

His words will be closely marked. Since his organisation Respect For Animals launched its campaign against the trade, all big ferry companies have banned live exports and the issue has topped the political agenda.

During 16 years as an animal warrior, Mr Glover, 41, has won many battles. While working for Greenpeace, he campaigned against the import of live dolphins and killer whales for dolphinaria: none has since been brought into Britain. Lynx, the anti-fur pressure group he founded with his wife, achieved overnight public acclaim: the industry has all but vanished. Not bad for a man who started working life as an accountant.

After studying at universities in Hull, Leeds and Reading, he eventually abandoned a PhD to become Greenpeace's wildlife campaigner. In 1979 he sailed to the Faroes to confront whalers and helped to organise a climb to the top of Big Ben to hang a banner from the clock. He met his bride Lynne Kentish while they were chained outside the Norwegian Embassy demanding to see the Ambassador.

Respect For Animals, which campaigns against the fur trade abroad, chose last summer to target exporters of livestock. Mr Glover's strategy was to embarrass the ferry owners while they were most nervous about competition from the Channel Tunnel. "I have put a lot of people out of work," he said. "It's a hard business to be in because you are constantly annoying people."

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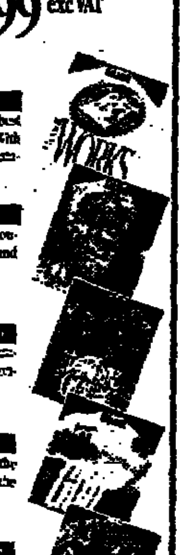

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BBC goes live to remember VE-Day

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE BBC is to screen ten hours of live television in a week of programmes marking the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day on May 8.

It will include live coverage of the big public party in Hyde Park, London, which will begin when the Queen lights the Royal British Legion beacon. BBC cameras will be positioned at other beacon sites in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Much of the ambitious radio and television programming mirrors scenes the BBC covered half a century ago: the Queen Mother will be seen greeting the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace, as she did 50 years ago.

The Prince of Wales will present Thought for the Day on Radio 4's *Today* programme, and Princess Margaret will give a rare interview in *Margaret Rose's War*, a television documentary about her wartime experiences.

Almost all of Radio 2 and Radio 4's output on May 8 will be devoted to the commemorations. ITN is to screen its own 110-minute programme, *VE Day Celebrations*, on the same day.

Murdered boy ‘held captive in Bristol’

By Richard Duce

A BOY aged nine thought to have been murdered by paedophiles was probably held captive near to where his body was found, more than 100 miles from his home.

Police believe Daniel Handley was snatched from a street near his home in Beckton, east London, by two men who drove him to Bristol before he was killed. His remains were discovered on wasteland near the M4 six months after he disappeared.

Officers in Bristol said yesterday they believed the killer or killers had first held Daniel somewhere in the city before he was murdered and buried in a shallow grave at Bradley Stoke. Chief Inspector Roger Stockley said: "The murderers knew the area and knew a good place to put the body. It is possible that he may have been held in Bradley Stoke for some time. He may have been kept at a house there. We believe there is a local link with Daniel's death."

Metropolitan Police officers investigating Daniel's murder said they hoped known paedophiles would provide a breakthrough in the case: a number had already been interviewed.

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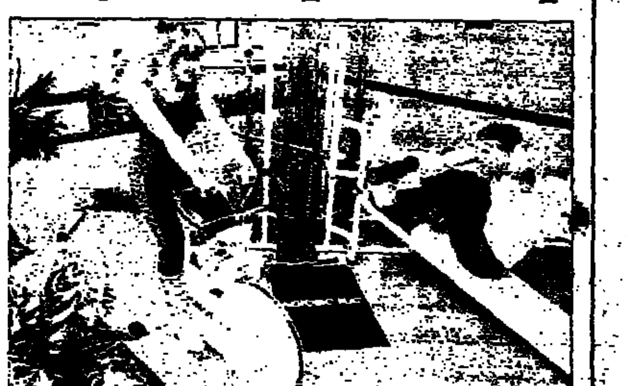

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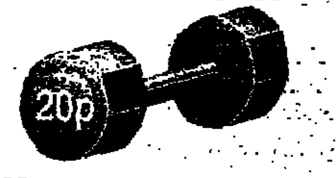

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Nintendo puts British firm on big game map

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

A UNIVERSITY drop-out who abandoned his studies for a summer job repairing amusement arcade games has signed a multimillion-pound deal with Nintendo, the Japanese video game company.

The move reflects the inroads British electronic games writers and designers are making into an industry once dominated by America and the Far East. Experts believe their success is partly due to the poor-quality computers British schoolchildren once had to use, forcing them to experiment with writing their own software to make the machines perform.

Christopher Stamper and his brothers Steve, 31, and Tim, 34, who also dropped out of university, set up their computer games company in a small terraced house next to their parents' newsagent's shop 13 years ago. They now run Rare Ltd from a converted Queen Anne barn in the small Warwickshire village of Twycross and employ more than 80 people, including their mother and father.

"Dad shows visitors around and anything else that's needed and Mum handles the catering side," Christopher, 36, said.

The Nintendo deal is notable not only for its size but the fact that the Japanese, who have taken a 25 per cent stake in the firm, have never invested in such a company outside Japan before. The agreement, which will allow the firm to expand its workforce to more than 200, follows the brothers' success with *Donkey Kong*, which since November has sold 7.4 million, netted £300 million and become the fastest selling video game.

The success could hardly have been foreseen when Christopher left Loughborough University after two years of an electronics and physics course for a summer job repairing Space Invaders machines in Burton upon Trent. "I built a computer using one of the very first microprocessors and got the feeling I was in the wrong course," he said.

The arrival of the Sinclair computer, designed by Sir Clive Sinclair, was the spur for Christopher to set up on his own. "I went to see my brother Tim who was at Nottingham University. He wanted to drop out as well. We thought that we would be able to better the games that were being produced on the Sinclair."

The brothers moved into a terraced house in Ashby de la Zouch and six months later produced the *Jetpac* game which sold 330,000 copies at £4.95. In the late 1980s they moved to Twycross and produced their first game, *Slalom*, for Nintendo.

The exact worth of the brothers remains confidential. All Christopher will say is: "We are certainly better off. When we set out it was a real struggle with us all chipping in to pay the electricity bill."

Their next battle is off-screen, with the local council and the Department of the Environment. They want to expand their offices by building on parkland near by, but planning permission is proving hard to come by.

Game brothers: Christopher, left, and Steve Stamper

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SIMON WALKER

Marilyn Ivory: claims sex bias and unfair dismissal

St Paul's tribunal told of smutty jokes in vestry

By Robin Young

SMUTTY jokes and sexual innuendo were an increasing feature of life at St Paul's Cathedral, it was claimed yesterday by a former woman virger who said that one of her senior colleagues had called her "a moaning bitch and a waste of space".

Marilyn Ivory, of Wanstead, east London, is claiming sex discrimination and unfair dismissal against the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Eric Evans. Mrs Ivory, who joined the cathedral staff in 1983, left in November 1992 after she had been appointed a till supervisor and later senior steward in a reorganisation of the virgers' department.

She told an industrial tribunal in Stratford that Michael Page, the preacher's virger, told "very smutty jokes" to his male colleagues in front of her. When Mr Page first came to the cathedral he used to nudge others or make facial expressions as if to say, "not in front of Lyn". Later, she said, "he lost his inhibitions".

Mrs Ivory told the tribunal that after she had to change her cassock for a business suit for her new appointment, Mr Page remarked: "So this is your new uniform, Lyn. I like a woman in red." He had continued in a similar vein.

Mrs Ivory said that after a service she had to lead Canon Michael Saward, the cathedral treasurer and head of the virgers' department, back to the vestry. She said that after she asked him if he was ready to take off his vestments, he laughed and said that it reminded him of a woman assistant virger who had asked him: "Can I take you upstairs now?"

She told the tribunal that at a meeting called in June 1991 Michael Heather, the head virger, had read comments which Mr Page, his deputy, had made. One described her as "a moaning bitch and a waste of space". She said that she had confronted Mr Page about it afterwards and he had not denied it. "He was embarrassed but not apologetic."

The hearing continues.

Veteran of H-bomb test wins his case

By Kathryn Knight

AN RAF driver present at the Christmas Island nuclear tests has become one of the first men to win official recognition that the tests caused him to develop cancer.

Derek Mauger, 60, who suffers from non-Hodgkins lymphoma, has won a five-year battle to gain a war pension after new evidence from the Ministry of Defence about exposure to radiation on the island.

His victory comes a month after that of the Rev Laurence Deverall, who had his leg amputated after developing cancer in 1970 and won a High Court appeal. The court heard that his cancer was attributable to his RAF service during atom-bomb tests in Australia.

Now Mr Mauger will receive a weekly pension of £50 to help him with his illness after the Social Security Department agreed that his exposure to radiation during the tests was probably responsible. Mr Mauger, from Stafford, was employed as a driver on the Pacific island in 1957 and witnessed the explosion of a 1½-megaton hydrogen bomb a few miles offshore. He said the men were given little safety advice and told to wear only long trousers and long-sleeved shirts as protection against the explosion.

Mr Mauger said: "I am pleased with the decision because a lot other people can now be helped with their claims. I don't think they put us out there because of negligence, just ignorance. But they should admit their ignorance has caused a lot of people to contract conditions like mine."

Mauger: war pension

Court to rule on 'vulgar' window

By Bill Frost

THE fate of a stained-glass window in Sherborne Abbey is to be decided by a church court after all but two of the town's residents called for it to be replaced.

Twenty-seven assorted Old Testament prophets, kings and patriarchs have stared down from the west wall of the Dorset abbey for nearly 150 years, but they have never found favour with the faithful. The window's red discs, intended originally to be stars in the firmament, were compared by the Victorians to railway signals, Now they are dismissed as "traffic lights".

Even the vicar, the Rev Eric Woods, described the work by Augustus Pugin as "really quite vulgar". Mr Woods said that he quite sympathised with one young visitor who mistook the Old Testament worthies for "a collection of Mr Blobbies". He added: "A child looking up at the window just sees blobs of bright colour and pink faces with no detail and pink hands with no detail."

Whether the 1851 window should be replaced by a modern design showing the Virgin and child in various shades of soft green will be decided by Judge Ellison, Chancellor of the Diocese of Salisbury, at a rare sitting in the abbey of the Consistory Court, convened only at times of great division or crisis.

The petition to have the window replaced is led by Mr Woods and his churchwardens. Mr Woods told the court that Pugin's window had "no message" for worshippers or contemporary visitors to the abbey. "Indeed, it is hard to imagine what message 27 assorted Old Testament prophets and patriarchs were originally meant to convey," he added.

However, Martin Harrison, a stained glass expert from the Victorian Society, said: "If they give the go-ahead for its removal, they will be killing a work of art. The window was designed for this position in the west wall. It's unique. To take it out would be a crime against the artist."

Judge Ellison's ruling is expected tomorrow.

Mother challenges sauna over sex fear

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A MOTHER has taken her local council to court for licensing a sauna that she alleges will be used as a brothel.

The Edinburgh case is the first of its kind in Scotland and is likely to set a precedent. Many local authorities believe that if the council's action is upheld, the case could, in effect, lead to the decriminalisation of brothels in Scotland.

Debra Scanlan, 29, of Leith, has taken Edinburgh District Council and the sauna's owner to court alleging that the council acted illegally by granting an entertainments licence to Gemini Leisure. The case was taken up with legal submissions yesterday and adjourned until today.

The council says the licence has been granted for a sauna and any illegal activities should be reported to the police. But the convenor of its licensing committee told *The Scotsman* that the council had, in the interests of health and safety, knowingly licensed saunas where sex was sold.

Those in favour of licensing saunas where sex is sold say there is less street prostitution in Edinburgh than in other Scottish cities. Ms Scanlan says it is inappropriate to have the sauna in a residential area, where it would pose a moral and physical danger to children.

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Report says Downing Street gates should go as first step in exploiting London's top tourist attraction

Planners call for greater access to hidden Whitehall

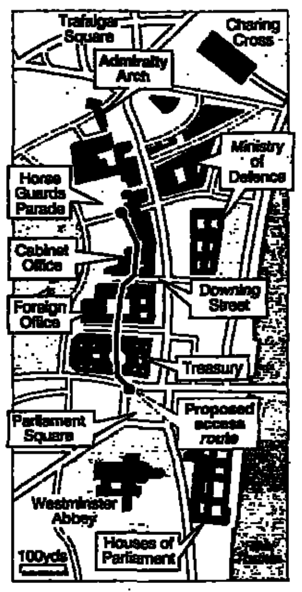
By Nigel Williamson, Whitehall Correspondent

THE gates at the entrance to Downing Street should come down as part of a plan to open Whitehall to the public, government advisers say. Their proposal is contained in a draft report, commissioned jointly by the National Heritage and Environment Departments, that will land on ministers' desks next month.

The report calls for Whitehall to be better exploited as one of London's greatest tourist attractions, with more access to historic buildings, a visitor centre, pedestrianised areas and walks through previously hidden courtyards and arcades.

The first study into the "urban design" of the historic centre of British government has been carried out by Jack Warshaw, of Conservation Architecture and Planning, and the architect Stephen Levrant. Their brief included conservation of the area, realising the tourist potential, making Whitehall "user-friendly" and opening it to "the public realm" while recognising the continuing security requirements. The report covers the development of the entire area bounded by the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, St James's Park and the Victoria Embankment.

Mr Warshaw said: "Over the years the area has become progressively more closed. This contrasts with the aims of open government and accessibility. When these buildings were first built anyone could wander into them. We need a vision of what we want Whitehall to be in 100 years."



The restrictions are best illustrated by the 10ft steel gates that block Downing Street from Whitehall. When they were put up during Margaret Thatcher's premiership in 1989, they ended 200 years of public right of way.

Mr Warshaw said: "It has to be an objective to bring down the gates. They were never intended to be permanent. Security arrangmements are always changing."

The onset of peace in Northern Ireland has created an atmosphere in which greater access can be contemplated. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary who commissioned the report, is known to be keen to open Whitehall to the public, providing that security requirements can be met. The compilers of the report have had detailed talks with the security services about their proposals.

ANDRE CAMARA

The gates blocking Downing Street from Whitehall were put up for security purposes in 1989 during Margaret Thatcher's premiership

The draft report will be considered by government departments, English Heritage, Westminster City Council, the Royal Fine Art Commission, Royal Parks and the English Tourist Board. The final report will be presented to Mr Major in the summer.

Among the hidden treasures to which the public could be granted access are:

☐ **The Foreign and Commonwealth Office**, built by Sir George Gilbert Scott between 1868 and 1873. The building has just undergone major restoration and contains some of the most splendid interiors in London and a magnificent grand staircase.

☐ **The Old Admiralty building**, built by Thomas Ripley between 1722 and 1726 to house the sea lords and **Admiralty House** next door. The Royal Navy is due to move out next year and most of the fine state rooms and their ornate carvings have never been seen by the general public.

☐ **The Treasury**, still referred to as Goggs (Government Offices, Great George Street), with its imposing facade of Portland stone, built between 1898 and 1912 by J M Brydon. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has announced plans to sell the elegant Edwardian building to the private sector, with the Government leasing back the space it needs.

Horse Guards, as seen by Canaletto around 1750

☐ **The Old Treasury**, now the Cabinet Office, another 18th-century architecural jewel, completed in 1733.

☐ **The wine cellar of Henry VIII's original Palace of Westminster**, now in the basement of the Ministry of Defence building.

☐ **Parts of the original embankment of the Thames**, also under the MoD building.

☐ **The remains of a 16th-century real tennis court**, adjacent to the Downing Street gardens.

It is also proposed that St James's Park should be extended to the government buildings on the western side, effectively abolishing Horse Guards Road, and removing the car parking in Horse Guards Parade. "We won't be able to get back completely to the image of Canaletto's great painting but we can try," Mr Warshaw said.

Plans to "streetscape" the area will include the removal of concrete paving, tarmac, bollards, yellow lines and bus-stop signs which the report's compilers say are "uncoordinated". These would be replaced with something more in keeping with a street which Simon Jenkins, in the foreword to a new book (*From Palace to Power, an Illustrated History of Whitehall* by Susan Foreman, Alpha Press £35), says more than any other thoroughfare in the world is "a mirror of history".

The Government is keen to see Whitehall developed as a tourist attraction, making many of the proposed changes self-financing. The report will call for a visitor centre offering advice, literature and guided tours.

"We tried walking the area as tourists as part of our research," Mr Warshaw said. "There is so much that is closed but even where there is access there is much you would never see unless you knew it was there."

Petrol stations told to reduce fumes

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

A REDUCTION in fumes released from petrol stations, dry cleaners and paint factories was demanded by MPs yesterday.

The Commons Environment Select Committee, which has been studying the health risks of "volatile organic compounds" given off by petrol, vehicle exhausts, paints and solvents, is calling for vapour-recovery devices to be fitted to the pumps at all new filling stations. They believe further action is needed to preserve public health and to meet a recommended air quality limit of 50 parts per billion.

The fumes are thought to contribute to cancer, asthma and breathing difficulties by forming low-level ozone on still sunny days. Ozone pollution has also been linked with crop damage and harm to flowers and trees. Fume levels exceeded World Health Organisation guidelines in many parts of the country last year, prompting a spate of pollution alerts and warnings that people with heart conditions and asthma should refrain from vigorous excercise.

The committee says that all large petrol stations and those in polluted areas of the country should have vapour-recovery devices fitted by 1998. Small, rural stations would be exempt because of prohibitive costs.

Andrew Bennett, Tory MP for Denton and Reddish and the committee's chairman, said yesterday at the launch of the report: "Although most people are unaware of the names and chemistry of volatile organic compounds, when it comes to their effects we all have cause for concern. One in seven children now suffers asthma and is advised to stay indoors on hot summer days when ozone levels are high."

Britain emits 2.7 million tonnes of the chemicals, which include benzene, tolulene and xylene, giving it the third worst record in Europe, after Germany and France. Europe has undertaken to reduce emissions by 30 per cent by the year 2000 but the select committee wants this raised to 75 per cent.

It believes companies outside the oil industry must share responsibility by switching to less damaging chemicals and processes. "Reducing VOC emissions is necessary, but it will not be painless," the report states. "Fuel prices may have to rise, cars may have to cost more and people be encouraged to use them less.

"Industries which use or produce solvents, including the coatings, printing and dry-cleaning industries, will face increased costs. In the committee's view, the price is worth paying."

The report also calls for industries using more than 0.25 tonnes of solvent a year to be registered so that councils can better target air quality action.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PC wins cash for shop slur

A policeman whose description was circulated among Asda stores by electronic mail after he was given a refund for bad meat has won thousands of pounds from the chain in an out-of-court settlement. PC David Eggleton of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, claimed that he was described as "suspicious". He said: "I am in a position of extreme trust, and there has got to be no doubt in anyone's mind that I am 100 per cent trustworthy."

Hospital jobs

HCI International, a private hospital at Clydebank, Strathclyde, that went into receivership despite obtaining £30 million of public money, is to increase its 350 staff by 70 after Arab refinancing.

Speedy justice

A motorcyclist who drove at 154mph on the M40 to test a new 900cc Honda CBR Fireblade he had owned for two weeks was banned for a year by magistrates in Northamptonshire and fined £900.

Three die in crash

Three members of the same family, thought to be a couple and their son, were killed and a fourth seriously injured in a head-on collision between a car and a van on Tuesday night near Diss, Norfolk.

Worker killed

A 44-year-old man died yesterday after high-pressure equipment he was using caused a tank to explode. Two other men working at the welding plant in Oldham, Greater Manchester, were unhurt.

Fish supper

A pike has killed a rare Slavonian grebe that was due to attract dozens of twitchers to a waterfowl park in Fakenham, Norfolk. The 10in bird, the first seen at the centre, was snared by its leg.

Heather deal

A Scottish fish farmer has agreed a deal with a council in Hampshire to buy tons of heather from the New Forest. The heather has proved ideal for use in filters to remove impurities from water.

Takeaway tunes

A record company has released a compact disc of the most popular tunes played in Indian restaurants. *Music for Dining* also includes Asian, French and Italian background music.

Jewels smuggled in a petticoat go on sale for £3m

By John Shaw

JEWELLERY smuggled out of revolutionary Russia in a young girl's petticoat went on show in London yesterday.

The £3 million display belonged to Vera Hue-Williams, born Vera Sklarevskia in Kiev. She fled with her sister Olga and her mother, Baroness Kostovesky, from the advancing Bolsheviks in 1917. Like many other white Russians, the three found their way to Paris. Vera went on to marry four times; three of her husbands were among the richest men in Britain.

They each left her a fortune and when she died aged 89 three years ago she left more than £9 million. Her furniture and paintings made £1.8 million at Sotheby's in December 1993 and now 37 pieces of jewellery will be sold for an estimated £3 million at Christie's in Geneva on May 18.

Matthew Girling, a jewellery specialist with the auction house, said yesterday: "These pieces evoke a glittering period before the war. It was a life which demanded a grand wardrobe and grand jewellery to match."

Vera in the 1930s

Mr Girling believes the original jewels from Russia may have included several antique pearls dating from the mid-19th century. One of them, 13.8mm long, is now part of a pearl and diamond pendant that is estimated at between £60,000 and £100,000. A pair of pearl drop and diamond pendants are put at £50,000 to £70,000. A ruby and diamond necklace is expected to fetch up to £70,000. A 14.81-carat Burmese ruby at its centre is described as of "the finest quality".

Vera, said to be strikingly beautiful, first married at 17. Her husband was a young British diplomat named Owen, who was killed on a mission to Turkey in 1927. Four years later she married Walter Cottingham, of the Berger Paint Company. He died in 1936 and she inherited his fortune and a seat on the board.

After the outbreak of war she married Thomas Lilley, chairman of the family shoe firm Lilley and Skinner. They founded Woolton House Stud near Newbury, Berkshire, in the 1940s. Their most successful horse was Altesse Royale, which won the 1,000 Guineas, the Oaks, and the Irish Oaks.

He died in 1959 and four years later married Colonel Roger Hue-Williams, who died in 1987.

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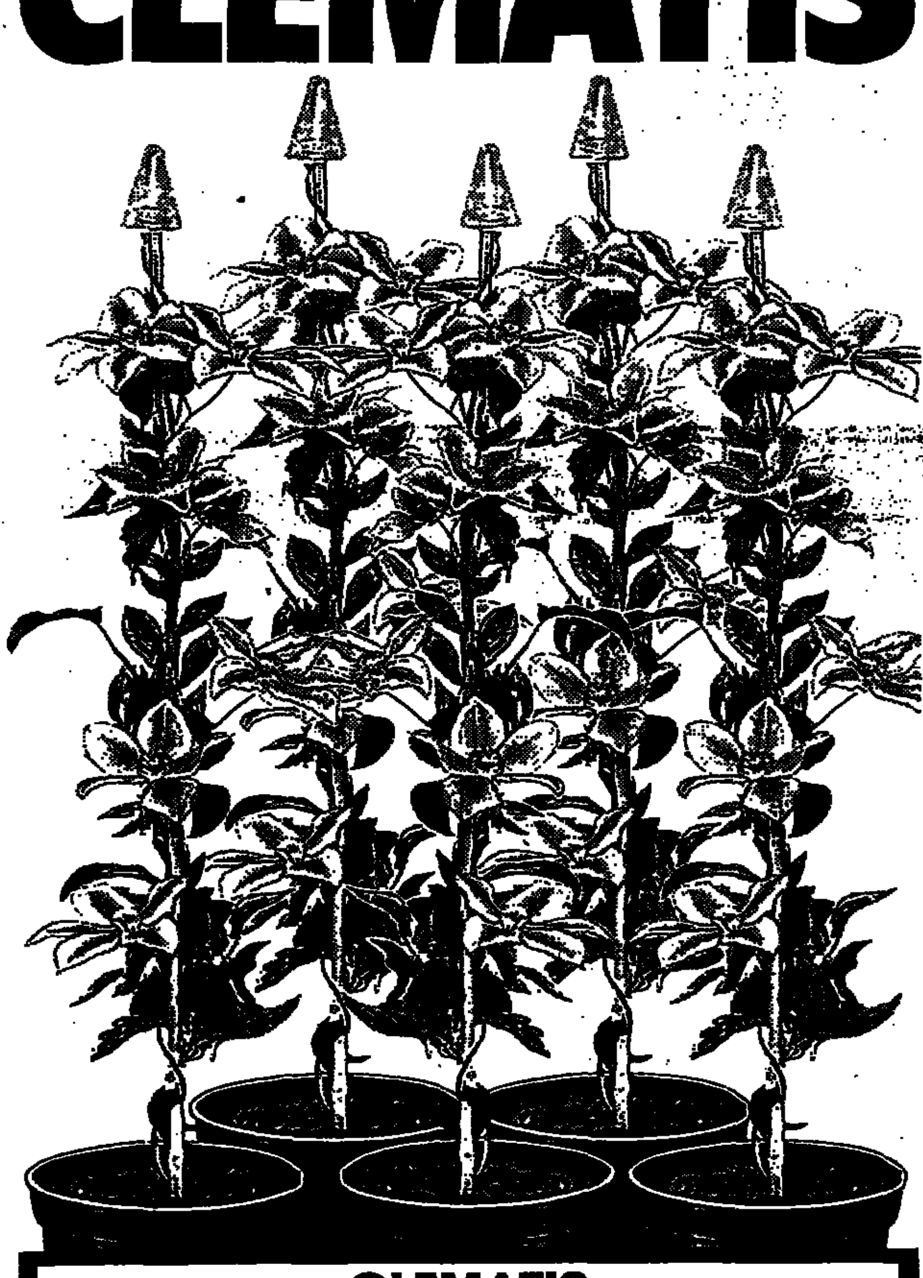

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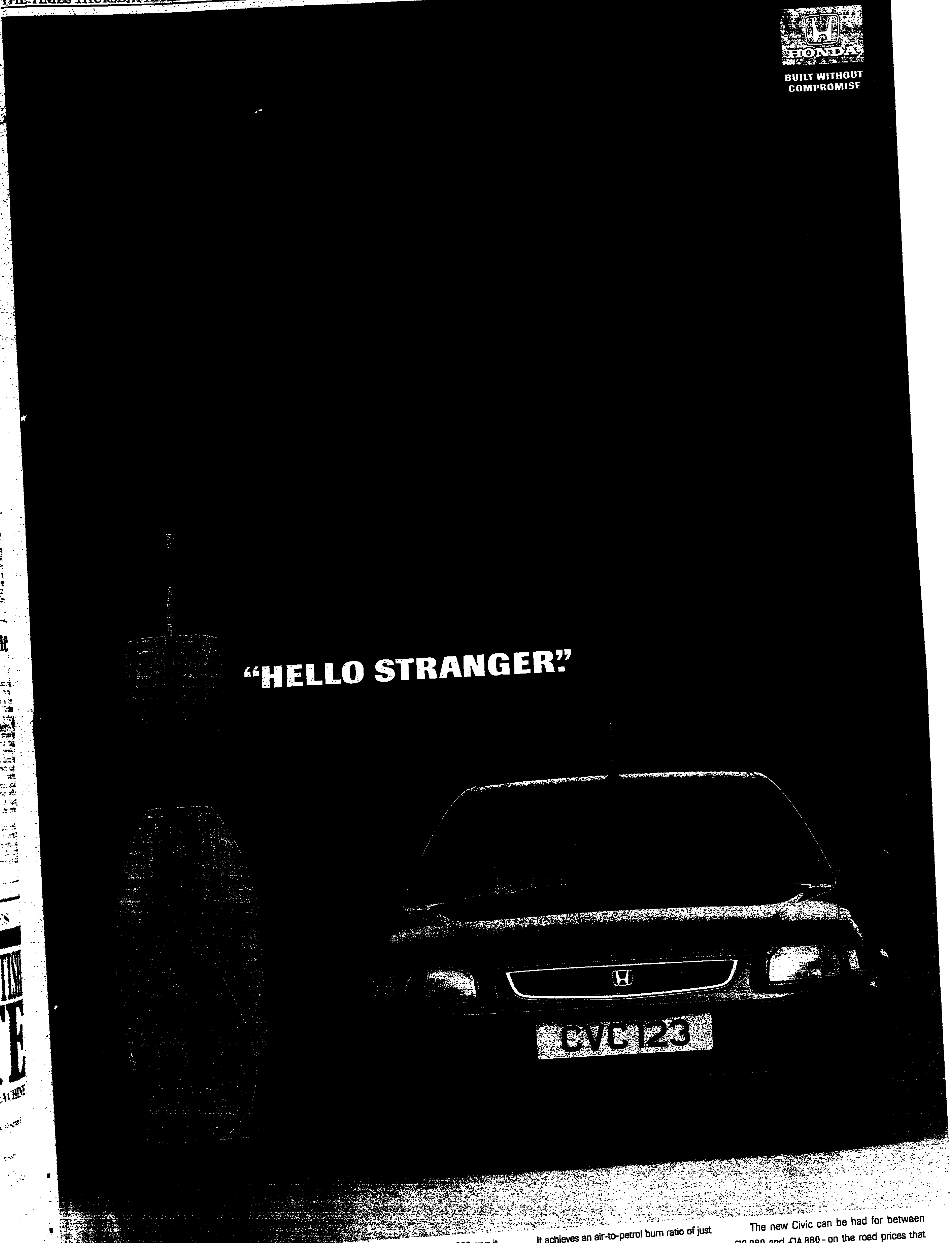

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Labour considers clampdown on rogue councils

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Labour leadership is considering tough reserve powers to prevent extravagant spending by local councils if it wins the next election.

Senior party sources said yesterday that a Labour government would end the present capping system, which can drive up rather than restrict council spending, but only after it had introduced annual elections to every local council. The belief is that the discipline of such elections will persuade councils to curtail spending and keep down council taxes.

But party leaders are working on plans that would curb the handful of high-spending councils that damage Labour's national reputation. They vary from proposals to "shame" rogue councils into better behaviour to tougher methods for restricting government grant to councils that persistently overspend.

A plan backed by Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, would give the Audit Commission powers to carry out special investigations and present reports to local people and businesses. It is suggested that the commission could be required each year to investigate the top and bottom ten councils to see why they are out of line.

But other Shadow Cabinet members doubt whether this will go far enough. They believe that a Labour government would need reserve powers to protect council tax payers from the notoriously high-spenders. The policy is likely to involve penalties through the grant system for councils that exceed reasonable levels of spending.

The party's main argument against capping is that it encourages councils to spend up to the limit set, resulting in spending totals that are higher than they would have been.

Yesterday, as Labour launched its local election campaign, the party accused the Government of rigging the local authority grant system to favour Tory-controlled Westminster. Frank Dobson said that if every council in England received the same government grant per head as Westminster 95 per cent could avoid levying any council tax. They could instead pay refunds to every council tax payer, ranging from £1,460 in Forest Heath to £17 in Hounslow. Eight councils, including Southampton, could give rebates of more than £1,000 and 109 could give back £750.

"No one is suggesting that every council should receive the same government funding as Westminster," Mr Dobson said. "No government could afford it. But these figures show what a racket the grant system has become. Everything is geared to featherbedding the Tories in Westminster so that they can keep their council tax down."

Tony Blair predicted that the party would do "extremely well". The Labour leader accused the Tories, who launched their local election campaign more than a month ago, of "hyping up" predictions of losses to soften the impact of the results.

Labour is contesting 100 per cent of the seats in the metropolitan borough elections, 77 per cent in the shire districts, and a record number of candidates in the south of England. Mr Blair said: "The Tories have lost the people's trust. It's now up to Labour to win it."

He and Mr Dobson claimed that Labour councils taxed less than Tory or Liberal Democrat councils. They said that on average taxpayers in Labour areas paid £37 less than those in Tory areas, and £50 less than those in Liberal Democrat areas.

But the Tories disputed Labour's figures. David Curry, the Local Government Minister, published a list of Band C council tax bills levied by each of the 365 billing authorities in England in 1995-96, with Labour-led Liverpool the highest at £865, and Tory-controlled Westminster the lowest at £245. The document said the average Labour council tax bill was nearly 40 per cent higher than the average Tory bill in every band in 1995-96, and the average Liberal Democrat bill was more than 25 per cent higher.

The Liberal Democrats taunted Labour for delaying its campaign. Malcolm Bruce, Treasury spokesman, said: "The shorter the campaign, the less damage they will do themselves. That is their main concern."

Tories dreading loss of 2,000 seats

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE nightmare dreaded by Conservative Central Office is that when the results are tallied after the May 4 elections they will have lost more than 2,000 council seats.

Tory councillors are defending 3,782 district and metropolitan borough seats. It is accepted they will certainly lose at least 1,000 of these, and possibly 1,500 or more.

If opinion polls showing the Tories trailing Labour by 35 per cent are reflected at the election, they will lose control of most of the 65 district councils they hold as well as their only metropolitan district, Trafford.

Labour, which is defending 2,858 seats, has absolute control of 68 of the 274 districts and 25 of the 36 metropolitan districts, and seems bound to dominate local government at every level. Apart from sweeping the Tories from power in many areas, Labour's present popularity means it is likely to win outright control in a large number of the 91 districts that are now hung.

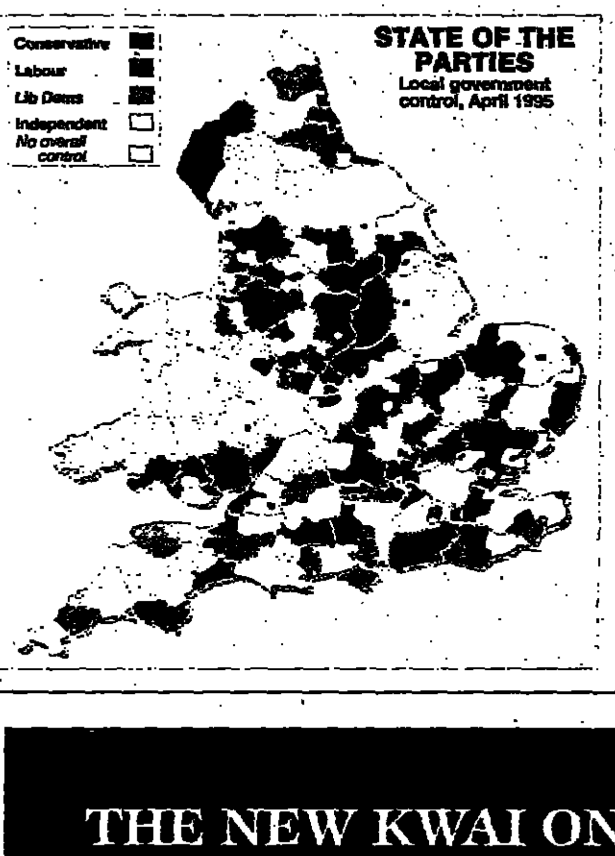
Given their traditional good support in local elections, the Liberal Democrats, defending 1,992 seats, expect at least to keep the 31 districts they control.

The Tories are fighting the elections from a very low base. When these same seats were last contested in 1991, they won more seats than any other party but they still made a net loss of 890 and lost control of 18 councils in England and Wales. Labour made a net gain then of 490 seats and ten councils and the Liberal Democrats were most successful of all, gaining 520 seats and control of 17 councils.

The political pendulum would normally be swinging back by now, but the Government's national unpopularity has pushed it further towards the two other main parties. The power struggle between those two is the only element that might save Trafford for the Tories, who need to win 9 of the 21 seats being contested to hang on to power. The chances of the Tories maintaining their minority administration in three other metropolitan districts — Calderdale, Solihull and Walsall — look remote.

Among the metropolitan districts, Labour faces its fiercest challenge from the Liberal Democrats, who are pressing hard in Liverpool, Kirklees, Oldham, Bury, Wolverhampton and Sheffield. The Liberal Democrats will also be striving to gain absolute control in Stockport and Rochdale.

Among the district councils, the Liberal Democrats hope to capitalise on their parliamentary by-election triumphs at Newbury and Christchurch. This has led them to believe they can take Tory bastions such as Bournemouth, Chelmsford, Ribble Valley, Winchester, Worthing and Tunbridge Wells.



TV propaganda a dangerous move for Blair

Labour is in danger of undermining Tony Blair's repeated claims about winning the public's trust. Party political broadcasts are usually slick propaganda which would provoke loud protests by politicians in any other context. But last night's Labour broadcast stretched even those lax standards, though not for the reasons which the Tories raised. Admittedly, as David Hunt argued, it may "belittle the democratic process" to accuse Mr Major repeatedly of being a liar over tax at the last election, whatever the truth of the charge. That is a matter of taste. Politicians should be wary of accusing each other of lying since this just increases public cynicism about politics. But there is no dispute that Mr Major's statements three years ago about aiming for low taxation have been contradicted by the Government's record. What was really objectionable about the broadcast was that Labour itself made claims about government spending which were so misleading as to be mendacious in their own right.

Whether or not the Tories deliberately lied in the 1992 campaign, they obviously underestimated the deterioration in public borrowing and hence the outlook for taxes. But it has not just been, as Mr Major has since claimed, that the recession went on for longer than anybody expected during the election. That happened, and contributed to the big rise in borrowing.

More important in forcing the large tax increases of the past two years was the planned increase in spending on a wide range of social programmes announced in the 18 months up to the election. These pressures were apparent then and a number of us warned that there would have to be a very tough spending round afterwards to compensate. The only senior Tory partially to concede this point was David Mellor, the pre-election Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Gordon Brown was on firm ground in the broadcast in arguing about the allocation of spending — the big increases in the amounts spent on long-term unemployment in its various forms, ranging from benefits to law and order programmes devoted on young offenders. Mr Brown believes that a more active Government seeking to boost investment and training could cut unemployment and reduce this other more wasteful spending. These are legitimate matters for political debate where Tory and Labour opinions will differ about the right role for Government.

Labour's broadcast, however, tried to have the best of both worlds, both attacking the Tories for raising taxes and then claiming they have not increased spending on education, law and order and health. Even since the pre-election year of 1991-92, spending in these three areas has risen in real, inflation-adjusted, terms, in the case of education substantially. So the assertion of a disembodied voice in the broadcast that the Tories have "lied to all these people" (teachers, police, nurses and doctors) about spending is wrong.

These levels of expenditure may not be high enough in some areas, such as healthcare in London, and future plans may imply a very tight squeeze. But to suggest there have been real cuts in social programmes, when there have not been, is not only misleading but is also politically mistaken. It raises expectations which cannot be fulfilled and implies that there is some costless way of raising health and education provision which does not have to be paid for through higher borrowing or increased taxes.

The Tories are rightly vulnerable now for their 1992 election claims on tax. But Labour should not make the same mistake now. If there were no free promises in 1992, there will certainly be none in 1996 or 1997. If Mr Blair wants to win the public's trust, Labour should now be candid about the tight constraints any Government would face on taxes and spending.

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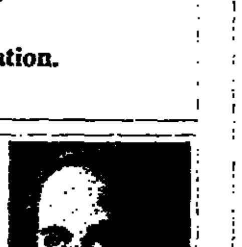

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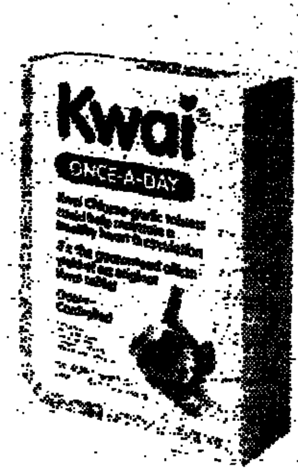

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Chirac hint of economic relaunch gives market the jitters

From Charles Bremner in Paris

An Elysée Palace doorman helps Edouard Balladur into his coat after the weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday, while Alain Juppé looks on

THE French presidential campaign took an acid turn yesterday as the rival Gaullist camps sparred over the franc and Jacques Chirac, the strong favourite, gave the financial world the jitters by playing up his plans for relaunching the economy.

Absent from most of the long campaign, quarrels over economic policy and the drive for monetary union have assumed centre-place before voters whittle down the nine candidates to two in the first round on Sunday. Although the publication of polls has been banned since last Sunday, the political world assumes that M Chirac will sail through both rounds to the presidency on May 7.

Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, who is fighting to beat Lionel Jospin, the Socialist, into the challenger's place, has charged M Chirac with endangering France's return to growth with hints that he will reverse the costly high interest rates that have kept the currency linked to the German mark.

The franc was battered earlier this week after M Chirac rebuked the governor of the Banque de France for meddling in government affairs and it came under further pressure yesterday despite claims from M Chirac's team that he remained committed to a strong currency.

M Balladur, the steward of strict monetary policy for the past two years, attacked yesterday, accusing M Chirac of "playing with fire with talk that is dangerous for the currency, for the economy and for growth". Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister and likely leader of a Chirac government, then struck out at his Prime Minister, accusing him of injecting a "hateful" note into the campaign. "When you are a statesman, you do not put the currency at the centre of the debate," he said. Nicolas Sarkozy, the Budget Minister and M Balladur's spokesman, weighed in, accusing M Chirac of "making the franc lose its value".

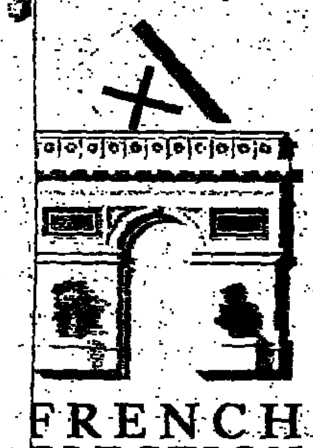
In supporting M Jospin, Jacques Delors, the former President of the European Commission, denounced what he called the Gaullist recourse to "monetary populism" and said he was amazed to witness such squabbling "among people who supported the Maastricht Treaty". Similar thoughts were voiced by German officials who are worried about the possible impact of a Chirac presidency on the Paris-Bonn tandem.

The quarrel goes to the heart of M Chirac's promises to reverse the priorities, observed by M Balladur and his Socialist predecessors, in which high unemployment has been tolerated as the necessary cost of low inflation and a strong currency. While supporting the goal of monetary union, M Chirac has been deliberately vague. He insists that he will break with the orthodoxy, but has stopped short of saying that he will apply *"l'autre politique"*, short-hand for the British-style reflation applied when sterling withdrew from the exchange-rate mechanism. In Nantes on Tuesday night, he railed at M Balladur for his belief that "we can control nothing, that political action amounts to the prudent management of constraints imposed from the outside".

Alain Madelin, the Business Minister and a possible future finance chief, said the franc row was a closed chapter, but his reassurance was obliterated last night by Philippe Séguin, the radical voice among M Chirac's lieutenants. He said France had time, before monetary union in 1999, to embark on a different policy and added that devaluation was a possibility.

The Gaullist feuding has been seized on by M Jospin and the half-dozen lesser candidates as they try to rally their supporters. M Jospin, 57, whose survival on Sunday is not a certainty, is pleading with left-wing sympathisers to back him rather than wasting their votes on Robert Hue, the communist, Arlette Laguiller, the Trotskyite and Dominique Voynet, the Green candidate.

The signs of expected defeat multiplied in the Balladur camp yesterday as the Prime Minister and President Mitterrand presided at the last weekly meeting of the Cabinet before the vote. M Balladur was quoted yesterday by the *Canard Enchaîné* as saying if he won 20 per cent, he would start a political movement. If he received 15 per cent or less, he would write a book.



FRENCH ELECTION

Future is bleak for hapless Pasqua

From Adam Sage in Paris

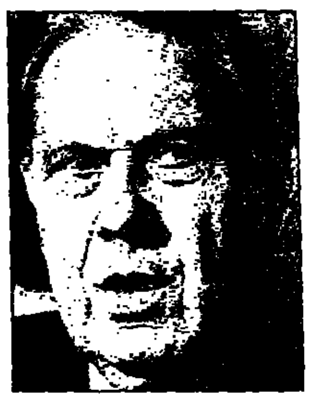
HE WAS touted as the kingmaker or even, perhaps, the king. Whatever the outcome of the first round of the French presidential election this Sunday, however, it is clear that Charles Pasqua will emerge from the campaign as one of the losers — at best a courtier, at worst a turncoat.

The tough Gaullist Interior Minister has abandoned all hope of becoming the next head of government even if the candidate he is supporting, Edouard Balladur, the present Prime Minister, wins the race for the presidency. In the more likely event of a victory for his one-time partner, Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, M Pasqua will need all his political skills to avoid a lengthy, or even permanent, spell in the wilderness.

Less than a year ago the Interior Minister was riding on a wave of public support after a wide-ranging review of local government and, more significantly, a series of successes in the fight against terrorism, including the capture of Carlos the Jackal.

When he opted to support M Balladur, he thought he was providing the stamp of Gaullist approval. M Chirac, he said, was unable to unite voters behind him and therefore had no chance of reaching the Elysée.

According to the final opinion polls of the campaign, M Pasqua was wrong on all counts. In the final weeks of the campaign, he has followed the safest tactic of all: attacking Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate.



Charles Pasqua: faces spell in the wilderness

Nonchalant French drivers put their faith in Elysée amnesty

By Adam Sage

THESE are joyous times for French motorists. Caught speeding? *Pas de problème.* No change for the parking meter? *Tant pis!*

The reason for this lightness of heart lies in one of the more archaic traditions that accompanies France's presidential election: an amnesty offered by the incoming head of state.

A quick walk around the centre of Paris reveals cars stuffed with unpaid parking tickets, most of [redacted] them provocatively and prominently placed on dashboards. "I don't bother putting money in the meters now," said Jean-Pierre, 30, an engineer. "The only thing I worry about is not putting the car in a place where it is likely to get towed away. Like everyone else, I am banking on the amnesty."

Questions remain, however. Will the pardon cover all motoring offences as well as fraud on the buses and trains? Or will it just cover parking fines?

According to Transport Ministry officials, motorists are optimistic although this optimism is not particularly healthy. The number of accidents has risen sharply in the first few months of the year as motorists ignore speed limits on the assumption that they will be forgiven. Similarly, French railways says that travellers are refusing to buy tickets or pay on-the-spot fines when caught. Instead, they can test the case, hoping to delay it and therefore benefit from the new President's generosity.

☐ If Jacques Chirac wins the election he will be able to thank France's equivalent of *Spitting Image.* That, at least, is the view of a good number of his supporters. French television has two daily satirical programmes, the *Bébête Show* on the TF1 channel and the *Guignols* on Canal Plus, and both appear to have served the Mayor of Paris's cause.

Last year, when Mr Chirac was at his lowest ebb with friends and voters deserting him en masse, the puppets took to portraying him as beaten and isolated, a victim of his rival, Edouard Balladur.

The *Guignols* was particularly severe, showing him as a man who had undergone a traumatic divorce, alone at home, not knowing how to pass the time, disliked by his own children.

The result? "It made him far more likeable in the eyes of young voters," said Marc-Antoine Villion, 20, a student from Reims in eastern France, and a supporter of Mr Chirac. "Without a doubt it improved his image."

☐ The Parisian magazine, *L'Express*, is clearly tired of the election and hoping for a new President as soon as possible. The magazine contains a number of articles on President Mitterrand referring to him in the past tense and clearly intended as obituaries.

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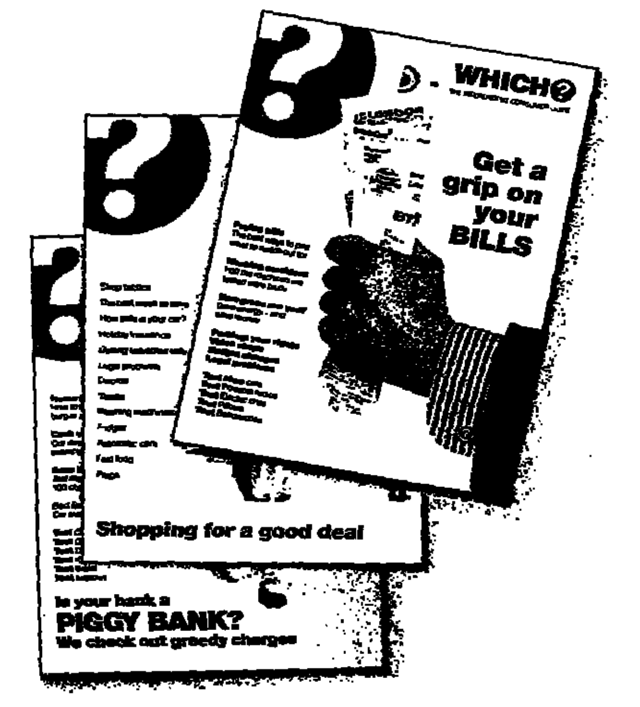

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Right-wing leader escapes Madrid assassination plot

From Edward Owen in Madrid

JOSÉ MARÍA AZNAR, 43, the leader of Spain's right-wing Popular Party, escaped without serious injury in a car bomb attack in Madrid yesterday that injured 21 people.

A senior Spanish intelligence source said that the attempted assassination had been by Eta, the Basque separatist movement, to show its dwindling following that it is still capable of a big attack.

The 90lb bomb was detonated at 8am as Señor Aznar's vehicle and police escort passed a parked car. A party official said that armour plating saved the politician's life. The force of the blast was so great that shrapnel was embedded in a back door.

A two-storey house opposite the car bomb was demolished. The house owner, a woman of 75, was critically injured, and about 20 others, including four of the police escort, were also hurt. The blast damaged 37 buildings. Fourteen cars were destroyed and the terrorists later blew up their getaway car in northern Madrid.

Carlos López Collado, Madrid's councillor for security, said: "It was a direct hit on an armoured car that resisted the impact and therefore Señor Aznar's health is not in any danger. He was superficially hurt but he is well."

Señor Aznar was initially treated in a nearby hospital, which was also damaged in the blast. He suffered scratches to his face and was later taken to a private clinic for observation. He walked into the clinic unaided.

Señor Aznar's wife, family and colleagues visited him in hospital and Felipe González, the Prime Minister, spoke to him by telephone. Hundreds of people gathered outside to show their revulsion for terrorism and their support for Señor Aznar.

Aznar: walked unaided to clinic for treatment

Juan Alberto Belloch, Minister of Justice and the Interior, said: "It was another yet another attack directed at seriously damaging the democratic system."

In January Gregorio Ordóñez, 36, a leading PP politician in the Basque region, was shot dead by Eta. He was a councillor in San Sebastian, the Basque resort, and was expected to be elected mayor in municipal elections to be held next month throughout Spain.

After more than 12 years in power, the Socialist Government is assailed by corruption scandals and the PP is forecast to sweep the forthcoming polls but a general election not due until 1997. The minority Government is kept in power by Catalan and Basque nationalist parties in return for regional concessions.

The second attack against the PP within four months by the Basque separatists suggests a sinister new strategy. Señor Aznar has found support in the Basque region for tougher anti-terrorist action and for opposing the Government's policy of releasing convicted Eta killers because they have repented.

Herri Batasuna, the political wing of Eta, said yesterday that the attack occurred as a result of "the direct responsibilty of determined politicians in the strategy of repression, legal or illegal".

In the past 19 years Eta has been responsible for killing 43 people in Madrid alone.

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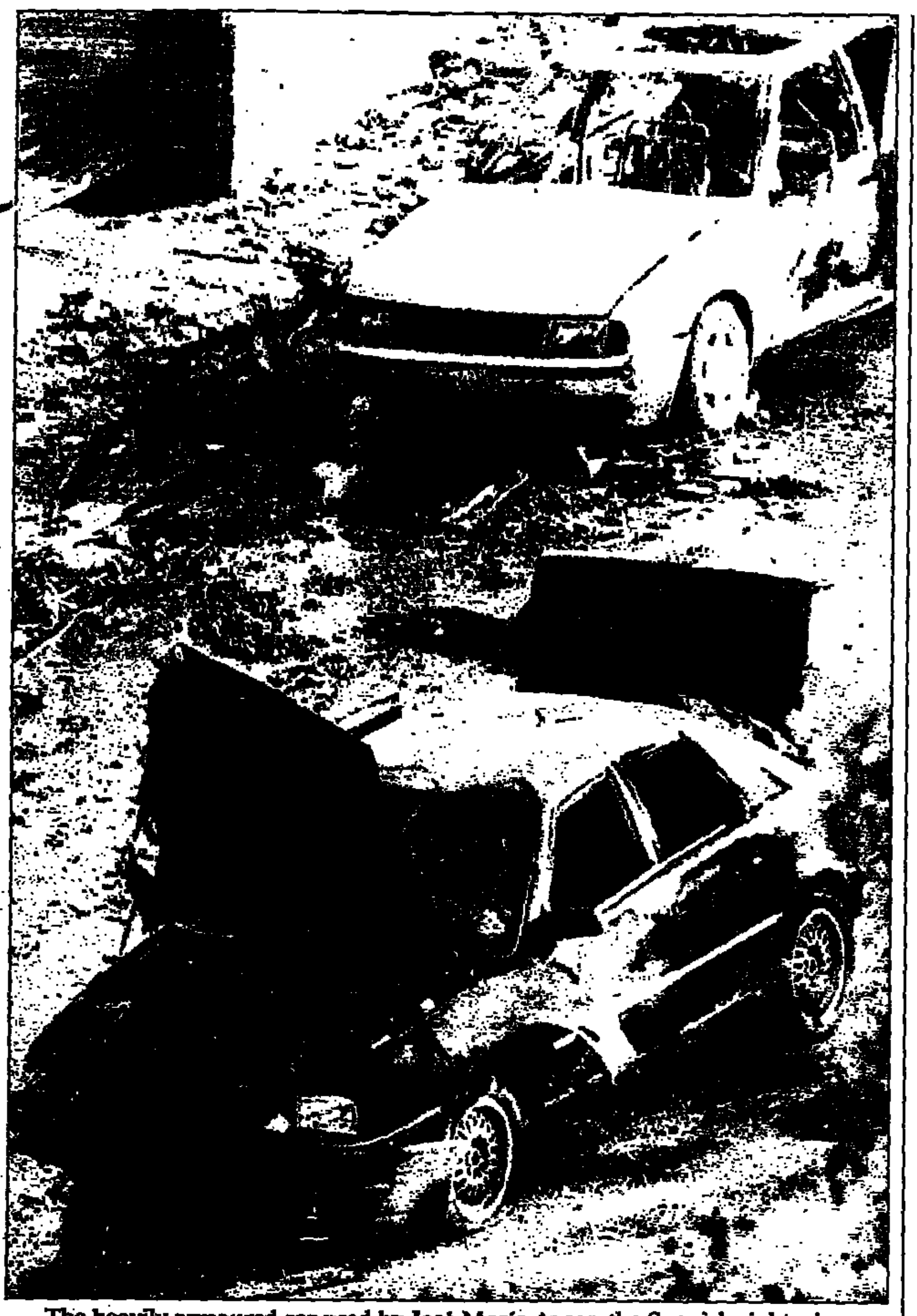


The heavily-armoured car used by José María Aznar, the Spanish right-wing leader, following yesterday's Basque separatist bomb attack in Madrid

Three British troops injured in minefield

By Joel Brand in Sarajevo and Our Foreign Staff

THREE British soldiers with the United Nations force in the Bosnian "safe area" of Gorazde were wounded yesterday when their foot patrol strayed into a minefield.

The four-man unit from the Royal Welch Fusiliers was patrolling an eastern section of the front line when they entered a known minefield. The first man was injured in the face. Two of his comrades received lower leg injuries after stepping on separate devices as they went to his aid.

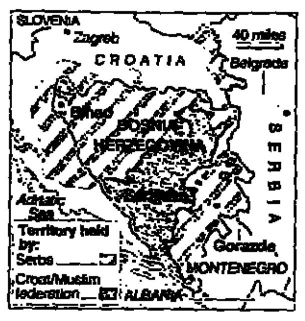
Bosnian government troops helped the fourth fusilier to give first aid until a British medical team arrived. Bosnian Serb military authorities were reported to have been particularly co-operative about allowing the evacuation helicopter into Gorazde.

A UN officer in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, blamed human error for the incident, adding that the seven-week-old Serb fuel blockade had not played a part. The embargo has forced UN troops to abandon their armoured vehicles. "There is an increased risk for the soldiers themselves," said Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. "They are not driving around in armoured protection, and are thus more susceptible to all sorts of mines."

The troops were on patrol from their observation post and would have been on foot even if fuel had been available.

Shortly after the incident, the UN Security Council in New York adopted a French resolution calling for better security measures for peacekeepers serving in Bosnia-Herzegovina and for the resumption of peace talks. The resolution also demanded an extension of the ceasefire, which is due to expire on April 30.

The resolution called on Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, to submit any measures that might prevent attacks on peacekeepers "on an urgent basis". The resolution was proposed by Paris after two French peacekeepers were killed in Sarajevo last weekend.



Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the UN commander in Bosnia, was due to meet a member of the separatist Serb leadership yesterday, to discuss growing harassment. He hoped to receive assurances from the Serbs that the senior UN envoy in the region would be able to fly to Sarajevo airport today.

Pope shuns 'weeping Madonna'

Rome: The Vatican said yesterday it would not intervene in the dispute over the Madonna of Civitavecchia, which is reported to weep tears of blood.

Father Ciro Benedettini said: "It is a local matter which concerns the diocese of Civitavecchia and does not concern the Holy See." Despite widespread coverage elsewhere, *Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican daily newspaper, and Vatican Radio, have ignored the issue.

The Civitavecchia state prosecutor lifted the order impounding the statue on Tuesday, but religious authorities gave no indication of when the statue would be put on display again.

It was impounded last week while authorities tried to verify where the "tears" were coming from. Its owner, Fabio Gregori, an electrician, is under investigation to establish if he had any part in the phenomenon. *(AFP)*

Russians lose grip on Chechen town

From Michael Binyon in Moscow

WITHIN hours of capturing the Chechen lowland stronghold of Bamut, Russian troops were forced to retreat because of heavy shelling from 1,000 Chechen fighters on surrounding hills, Interfax news agency reported yesterday.

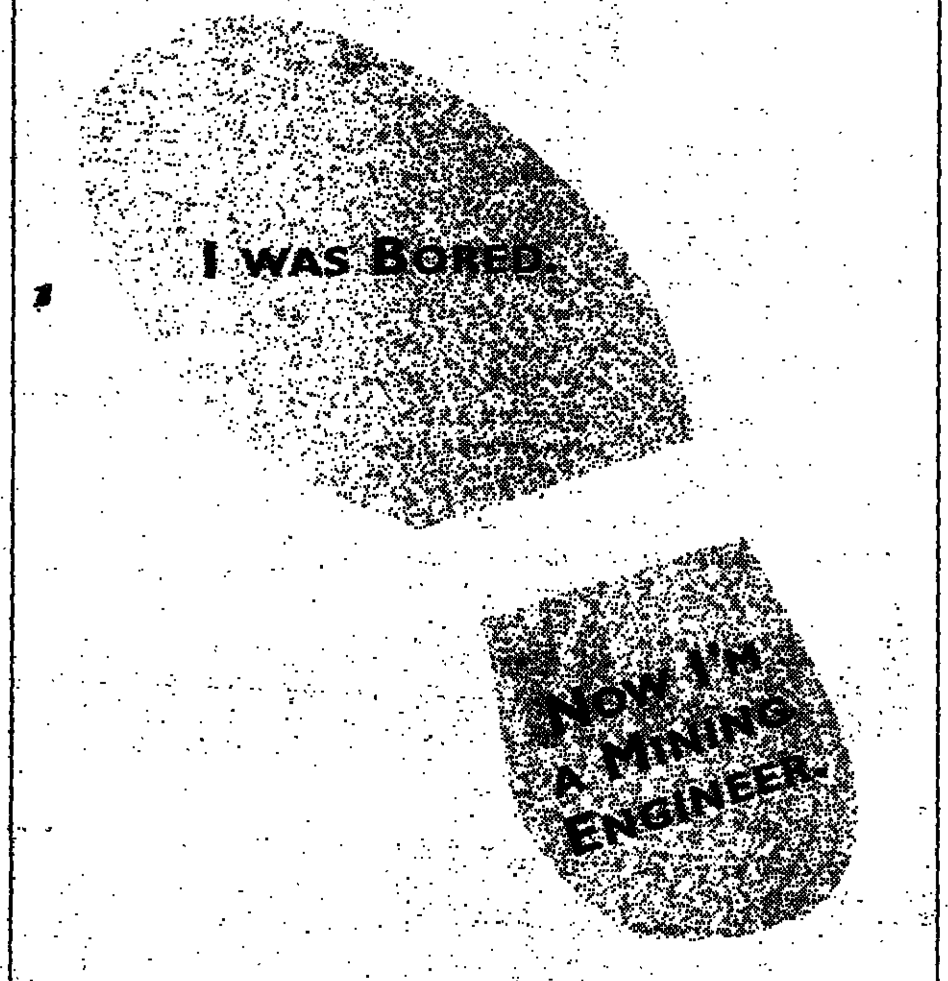
Colonel-General Mikhail Yegorov, acting commander of the Russian forces in Chechenia, said his men were forced to leave the village. Interfax reported that Russian troops had been throwing explosives into nuclear-proof bunkers in Bamut, where up to 800 Chechen fighters were sheltering.

Chechen forces were said to be regrouping in the west of the republic, and some 7,000 rebels are still active in the northern region. The rest of the outnumbered force is heading for the Caucasus mountains to continue a guerrilla war. General Anatoli Kulikov, head of the joint army and interior forces in Chechenia, said 400 Chechens had been killed in the battle for Bamut, and 14 Russian servicemen had died. He said more than 1,500 Russian servicemen and up to 9,500 Chechens had been killed in four months of fighting. A further 300 Russians are missing. Russia's human rights commission has put civilian casualties at over 24,000.

General Dzhokar Dudayev, the Chechen leader, was reported by a deputy in the Ukrainian parliament to have fled to Ukraine.

There is growing concern in Moscow at the fate of an American and five Russian aid workers who have been missing for nine days in Chechenia. Frederick Cuny was working for the New York-based Soros Foundation.

☐ **Washington:** *President Clinton informed Moscow that despite threats, it would not be allowed to veto Nato's eastward expansion.*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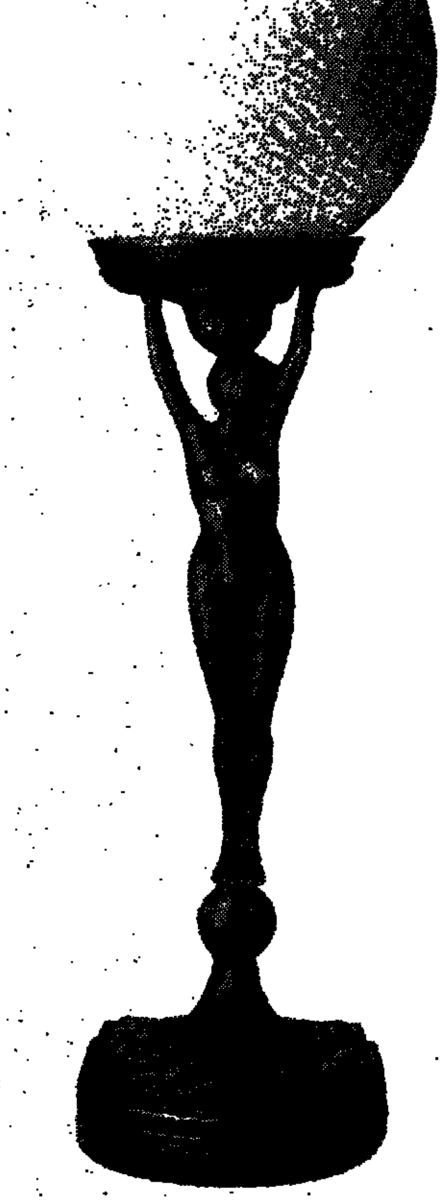

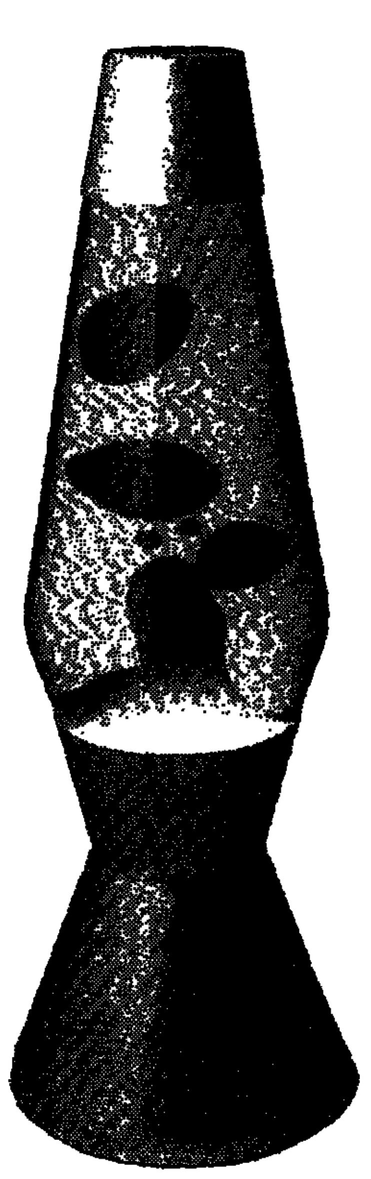

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Mystery 'man in black' blamed for Yokohama commuter nightmare

Japanese choked by fumes in new attack on subway

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S worst fears were realised yesterday as toxic fumes spread through a passage in a crowded subway station in Yokohama, just south of Tokyo, and through a train that had just left the station. More than 300 people were taken to hospital, 20 of them seriously ill.

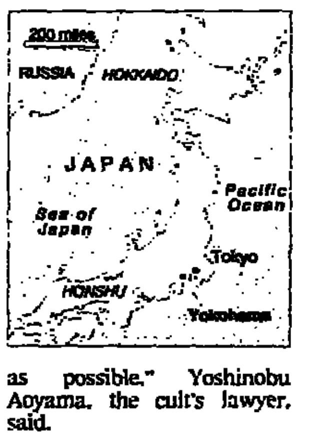
Investigators last night identified the substance as an irritant containing phosgene — a very poisonous, colourless, heavy gas that was used in the First World War. Some victims of the attack are suffering from reduced oxygen levels in the blood, while others have liver damage. Most, though, have complained only of sore throats and stinging eyes.

Several witnesses in Yokohama reported inhaling the fumes in the station after they saw a young man — dressed in black and carrying suitcases — walk through the passage at about 1pm. Investigators found a number of vinyl bags which contained a chemical liquid near one of the station's exits, but they said last night that the contents were still being analysed.

Police have ruled out a link between phosgene and the lethal sarin nerve gas that killed 12 people and injured more than 5,500 in last month's attacks on Tokyo's subway system.

All the media reports have, however, named Aum Shinrikyo, the religious cult suspected of carrying out the Tokyo attacks, as the prime suspect in yesterday's incident. There were reports last night that Shoko Asahara, the cult leader, had mentioned phosgene to his followers in a paper published before the March 20 Tokyo attacks.

A spokesman for the cult last night denied any involvement in the Yokohama and Tokyo attacks. "Amid all these false accusations against Aum, I can only say I hope police catch the real criminal behind this incident as quickly as possible," Yoshinobu Aoyama, the cult's lawyer, said.



Police announced yesterday that they had arrested Aum Shinrikyo's deputy leader, Kiyohide Hayakawa, 45, after he appeared in a live television interview filmed at the sect's headquarters in a village at the foot of Mount Fuji. He was arrested on charges relating to a break-in at a garage where a car was found containing materials used for making guns.

The response by police, military and fire authorities to the Yokohama attack and the panic among commuters around the train station, heightened the anxieties that have pervaded Tokyo since the last month's attacks. Live television coverage by every national network in Japan showed hundreds of investigators and medical personnel — many carrying gas masks — converging on Yokohama station in military vehicles, fire engines, ambulances and police cars within 20 minutes of the first reports.

The attack followed a full security alert in Tokyo last weekend following a prophecy by Mr Asahara that "something horrible" would happen.

Police guards and security measures were boosted even further in train stations and most public places in Tokyo and Yokohama last night. Commuters said they were feeling extremely nervous about using trains during rush hour, but felt they had little choice.

Parliament yesterday unanimously adopted a law outlawing sarin and penalising its use with measures including life sentences. The new law also provides for up to ten years in prison for anyone convicted of producing or possessing sarin or similar nerve gases for criminal purposes. Possession can be punished with up to a year in prison. Anyone who hands in the gas before the law becomes effective on May 1 will escape punishment.

Women commuters cover their mouths after inhaling gas fumes at the subway station in Yokohama yesterday. More than 300 people were taken to hospital

Poison gas first used in trenches

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

PHOSGENE is a colourless, poisonous gas with a penetrating smell reminiscent of musty hay. Chemically, it is carbonyl chloride, formed by combining carbon monoxide and chlorine in the presence of a catalyst. It was first synthesised in 1811.

During the First World War, phosgene was one of many poison gases used by both the Germans and the Allies, either released from a cylinder with chlorine so that the wind blew it across enemy lines, or in the form of gas shells. It made its first appearance in 1915.

The gas is an acute respiratory irritant with delayed effects. Many in the trenches did not realise until days afterwards that they had been gassed. Inhalation causes severe lung injuries and can kill, although its use in the trenches was designed to incapacitate rather than to kill.

By the end of the war more than 100,000 tonnes of the irritant agents, including phosgene, had been used. Widespread revulsion led to the 1925 Geneva accords, banning chemical weapons.

Gaseous phosgene has a density about 3½ times that of air, and liquifies at 8.2C, making it easy to store in cylinders under pressure. Production of phosgene is much simpler than the nerve gas sarin, which was used in the attacks on the Tokyo subway last month. It has legitimate uses as an intermediate in the manufacture of organic chemicals, including dyes and resins.

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Turks foil plot to kill Prime Minister

Istanbul: Turkish police say they detained 21 people in Istanbul yesterday suspected of belonging to a far-Left group that planned to assassinate Tansu Ciller, the Prime Minister.

The Istanbul anti-terrorist branch seized a pistol and a hand-drawn map of an area in the city where Mrs Ciller has a mansion. The Anatolian news agency said the suspects, eight of them women, were members of the outlawed Revolutionary People's Liberation Party — Front and were planning to kill Mrs Ciller at her home in Istanbul. Mrs Ciller is on a week-long visit to the United States. *(Reuter)*

Gore warns of nuclear threat

New York: Al Gore, the American Vice-President, said the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty should be extended indefinitely because nuclear weapons technology was becoming "increasingly available". In Australia, a report by the International Institute for Strategic Studies said that China will have a strategic nuclear arsenal able to strike anywhere in Asia, western Russia and the American East Coast by 2010.

Militants shot

Tunis: Security forces have shot dead 91 allegedly armed Muslim militants during search operations across Algeria over the past ten days, according to an official statement. *(Reuter)*

Mecca go-ahead

New York: Despite sanctions, the UN Security Council has authorised Egypt Air to fly 6,000 pilgrims aboard 45 flights from Libya to Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. *(Reuter)*

Bolivian purge

La Paz: Bolivia has arrested scores of trade union leaders and declared a state of siege, which includes the right to hold people without trial, to quell civil unrest after three weeks of protests. *(Reuter)*

Boys arrested

Lisbon: Two brothers of six and 11 have been arrested, suspected of strangling their six-year-old cousin near the city of Oporto, judicial officials said. The law bars the trial of children under 16. *(AFP)*

Brando funeral

Los Angeles: Cheyenne Brando, who committed suicide, was buried in Tahiti next to her lover, Dag Drollet, killed by her half-brother in 1990. Her father, Marlon, 71, did not attend the funeral.

Busek resigns

Vienna: Erhard Busek, the Austrian Vice-Chancellor for the past four years, is resigning from the Government, a day after the conservative People's Party ditched him as its leader. *(Reuter)*

Police sting

Manila: A policeman dressed as a bumble bee joined entertainers at a children's birthday party in a Manila fast-food restaurant to arrest a father who had been hunted for a year accused of rape. *(AFP)*

Scientists create new conductor

BY NIGEL HAWKES

AMERICAN scientists have created powerful new superconductors able to carry large currents at manageable temperatures.

The three-layered conductors, which combine metals and ceramics, are flexible, have zero electrical resistance at the temperature of liquid nitrogen, and can carry a current of a million amperes per square centimetre, a team from Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico reported yesterday.

"We have hit a new milestone in superconductivity, and I think we're on our way to a product that has great commercial value," said Dean Peterson, head of the laboratory's Superconductivity Technology Centre.

Superconductors that work at the temperature of liquid nitrogen (minus 196C) have been produced before, but the new material can carry nearly 100 times the current density. To be useful in electrical machines, superconductors need to be able to handle large currents.

The team reported that the tape has been bent and flexed repeatedly without showing any cracks. "Since lengths of the tape can be tightly wound many times and can carry so much current, it is possible to make very powerful, very tiny magnets," said Dr Xin Di Wu, a team member.

President's plea to America

Clinton insists he is relevant

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

INSISTING that he is still "relevant", President Clinton used a rare prime-time news conference to try to put himself back in a political debate monopolised by the Republicans since they took control of Congress last November.

"The constitution gives me relevance. The power of our ideas gives me relevance. The record we have built up over the last two years and the things we are trying to do gives me relevance … The President is relevant," he said during the 40-minute conference on Tuesday night.

The mere fact of a President having to use such words was a sign of how much power has moved from the White House to Capitol Hill. "It was pretty extraordinary to have the man who holds the most powerful office in the world talking about the fact that he was relevant," said Phil Gramm, the Texas senator and Republican presidential candidate.

Mr Clinton's protestations were further undermined by the refusal of three of the four main television networks to disrupt their scheduled sitcoms to broadcast the conference live. More, almost all the questions were about the Republican agenda, not his.

Mr Clinton addressing his news conference

Specifically, Mr Clinton sought to regain ground on the popular issue of welfare reform by challenging Congress to produce legislation that he can sign by July 4, Independence Day. He said that the Bill the House approved last month was unacceptable because it would provide too little job training for those who would lose their welfare benefits.

He promised to "go to the mat" for Henry Foster, his embattled nominee for the post of Surgeon-General, whose Senate confirmation hearings begin next month. White House officials privately concede that the nomination is likely to be rejected because top Republicans seeking their party's presidential nomination feel compelled to oppose a man who has performed abortions.

Mr Clinton, who formally opened his re-election headquarters in Washington last week, disinterred several themes from his 1992 campaign. These included the need for Americans to assume greater personal responsibility and his desire to find a new middle way in the Left-Right debate.

He deserved re-election, he argued, because "we are moving the country in the right direction … we are getting results. This country is in a stronger position today than it was two years ago."

☐ **Candidacy declared:** Richard Lugar, 63, a Rhodes scholar, former Indiana senator and foreign affairs adviser to three Presidents, yesterday became the eighth Republican formally to declare his presidential candidacy.

White House faced with race dilemma

Washington: President Clinton expressed sympathy for America's angry white male yesterday as pressure mounted for him to take a stand on the emotionally-charged issue of race-based affirmative action (Tom Rhodes writes).

Affirmative action — federal programmes which offer preferential treatment to minorities — is fast becoming a headache for Mr Clinton after white men effectively won two Supreme Court victories this week. Mr Clinton carefully sidestepped the issue at a news conference by saying comments might prejudice a review of all affirmative action regulations which he has ordered. "I would say, though, the earnings of male workers, including white male workers, have been declining when measured against inflation for years now," he said. "And on affirmative action your principle should be, 'we're all better off if everybody's got an even chance, if there is no discrimination, if people have the ability to live up to the fullest of their ability'."

The White House has been steering a careful course around the issue. Mr Clinton's decision after the review will have a big impact on the 1996 election. Polls suggest support for ending workplace discrimination, but the Supreme Court provided further evidence of a mood swing against affirmative action.

Tokyo threat to quit trade talks

BY GWEN ROBINSON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JAPAN said yesterday it would break off trade talks with America if Washington carried out a threat to impose sanctions on its imports.

Trade officials returning to Tokyo from two days of fruitless talks in Washington threatened to discontinue negotiations over foreign access to Japan's domestic car and parts market rather than "submit to US threats".

US officials refused to say whether the absence of a breakthrough meant that the United States was closer to carrying out its threat to impose stiff tariffs on Japanese products.

Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, has threatened sanctions if Japan fails to open its domestic market to more foreign imports.

President Clinton, referring to the dispute during a news conference on Tuesday, said strong differences remained, despite progress in resolving other trade issues. "We should not be at risk of a trade war," he said. "But I would remind you that we have been very patient as a country for a very long time."

Economists said the rise in the yen's value and the dollar's slide could increase pressure on Japan to open its markets to more foreign products and help to reduce its huge trade surplus. But analysts said they doubted that Tokyo was about to expose Japan's vehicle industry to more competition. Japanese officials said they were disappointed by the lack of progress, but promised to continue talks at a lower level.

Kantor: threatened US trade sanctions

"We remain optimistic that an agreement with the US on auto issues is possible in the near future, provided the US side doesn't insist on a de facto numerical target," the Japanese said in a statement. America is threatening tariffs against more than $1 billion (£625 million) in Japanese imports if there is no progress in the talks.

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Sri Lanka peace hopes in tatters

Tamil attack on navy leaves 11 sailors dead

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent, and Vijitha Yapa in Colombo

TAMIL TIGERS yesterday blew up two naval boats in Sri Lanka's eastern port of Trincomalee and announced their withdrawal from peace negotiations. The attack was a humiliating blow to the newly-elected Government, which offered unprecedented concessions to entice the rebels into a settlement of the country's 12-year civil war, in which more than 30,000 people have died.

In reply, the Government announced that it would reimpose an economic embargo on the Tigers' northern stronghold in the Jaffna peninsula and again ban fishing off the northern coast. The 14-week ceasefire ended with classic tactics by the Tigers, who struck while the Government's guard was down. Security forces were put on full alert throughout the country last night.

Previous ceasefires have been exploited by the Tigers to regroup, and this truce has been no different. At least 11 sailors were killed and 23 injured in the attack, which came two hours after the Government was told formally that the rebels were abandoning the peace talks.

The bodies of four Tigers, including a woman, were recovered, suggesting that it may have been a suicide attack. The rebels have a special unit for attacking naval targets, the Sea Tigers, which includes a suicide squad called the Black Sea Tigers.

President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga came to power last year on a pledge to negotiate peace with the Tigers, who are demanding an independent homeland in the north and east of the island. The rebels are trapped inside their heavily fortified stronghold, where they have established a de facto homeland with a separate court system, police force and tax collection procedures. The armed forces could doubtless capture it, but at enormous human cost.

The Government made repeated concessions to appease the Tigers, while the rebels offered almost nothing in return. Mrs Kumaratunga has been accused by opponents of being naive. Her biggest gesture, made last week, was to allow fuel to be delivered to Jaffna; this will now be halted. A range of other previously banned goods that were delivered to the region will be stopped again. The respite, however, has raised the Tamils' morale and brought a welcome break from the privations of life in a war zone.

Vellupillai Prabhakaran, the leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, announced on the rebel radio stationthat he was pulling out of the peace talks. Earlier, he said all his demands must be met by yesterday. The last round of peace talks, the fourth, were held in Jaffna a week ago. Throughout the ceasefire, which began in January, the rebels held out the possibility of softening their demand for a homeland and settling for a federal arrangement, which turned out to be merely a ploy to buy time and concessions.

Weapons and ammunition are smuggled into Jaffna by small, fast boats that can avoid navy patrol vessels at night. The navy is reluctant to give chase for fear of being lead into a trap. Jaffna, which is unable to feed itself, is kept alive by daily deliveries of food by ship under the supervision of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Michael Jackson and his wife, Lisa Marie Presley-Jackson, at his Neverland ranch in California, where they greeted children from all over the world who are preparing to celebrate the UN's fiftieth anniversary

Mrs Mandela to leave hospital

From Michael Hamlyn in Johannesburg

WINNIE MANDELA spent yesterday undergoing a series of medical examinations and resting quietly at a Johannesburg clinic. "She's fine," said a clinic official. "She should be out of here by the end of the week."

While Mrs Mandela was admitted to Linksfield Park Clinic, suffering from stress, members of the African National Congress high command were beginning to take action against her. The estranged wife of the South African President was twice sacked by her husband as Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, but resigned before the second sacking could take effect.

The ANC organisation has backed the President at each turn, although its statements have invariably said that dealing with Mrs Mandela was a problem for the Government, not the party. Now next week's meeting of the ANC's national executive is expected to turn its attention to the mounting problem of party indiscipline.

Insiders have said that the committee will debate party discipline, and in particular "the tendency of some parliamentarians to behave as if they are above the party".

There is anger about the embarrassment caused by Mrs Mandela's legal action against the President, challenging her original dismissal. Members have also been irritated by her enlisting support from Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader. He gave her an affidavit saying he had not been consulted when she was sacked.

There is no love lost between the party hierarchy and Mrs Mandela. Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC Secretary-General, has never been forgiven for his part in ousting her from the ANC's Social Welfare Department in 1992, nor indeed for his part in drafting the anti-apartheid movement's statement against her in 1989.

Mrs Mandela and her supporters have campaigned against Mr Ramaphosa by backing Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, in the struggle to be the President's heir apparent.

If Mrs Mandela loses her party membership she will automatically lose her position as an MP. MPs are not elected but appointed by the party.

Mitchell novella found in shoebox

From Ben Macintyre in New York

AN UNPUBLISHED novella by Margaret Mitchell, written two decades before the publication of *Gone With the Wind*, has been discovered in a shoebox belonging to one of the writer's former suitors.

The 107-page manuscript, entitled *Lost Laysen*, is a lush romantic novel set in the South Pacific and written in 1916, when Mitchell was 16.

Mitchell did not write another novel after *Gone With the Wind* was published in 1936 and became an international bestseller. Determined to protect her privacy, Mitchell, who died in 1949, left instructions that all her private papers should be destroyed after her death.

The hitherto unknown novel was apparently presented by the author to Henry Love Angel, an amateur photographer born in the same year as Mitchell and one of her youthful admirers. Mr Angel kept the manuscript in an attic, along with photographs of Mitchell in her twenties and other documents. The cache of papers and photographs was presented to The Road to Tara Museum in Atlanta by Mr Angel's son, Henry Love Angel Jr, where it is now on display. Excerpts will appear in the American magazine *Arts & Antiques* next month.

"There's no question that it's authentic," Patsy Wiggins, president of The Road to Tara Museum, said.

Mitchell: ordered her papers to be burnt

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Some simple ways to avoid E coli ☐ Skin rashes and the menstrual cycle ☐ The role of agitation in dementia

How to enjoy eating beef

THE dish on which the joint of beef was carved in my childhood was laced with a system of gutters so that the blood and tissue fluids from the under-done meat collected in a hollow *at one end of it. It was* ladled from this hollow on to the children's plates as a tonic essential for our growth and welfare.

The beef had been raised, slaughtered and then hung by Mr Duffield, a village character who was both grazier and butcher. Mr Duffield's bullocks had spent the summer on the marshes before being fattened in his own *cattleyards, intensive rearing* hadn't compromised their health. The under-done meat was safe. The juices from the joint boosted our iron levels, provided essential proteins, vitamins and minerals, and nobody needed to worry about *E coli* 0157.

Outbreaks of *E coli* 0157 have again been in the news. Since 1982, *when it was first isolated, it has* been an occasional unwelcome guest whenever under-done beef is served.

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This particular strain usually grows in the guts of cattle. When it infects humans it causes a very severe form of food poisoning which can be fatal *in young* children, the infirm, elderly or immunocompromised. Fortunately, it is comparatively rare, with an incidence of 500 to 600 cases annually. The number doubled between 1990 and 1992 *but* actually dropped in 1993 to 390; figures for 1994 are not yet *available.*

The toxins from *E coli* 0157 cause severe diarrhoea, sometimes *with bleeding, and vomiting.* Other problems result from circulatory failure and the severe drop in blood pressure which follows this; also, as in other overwhelming bacterial infections, there may be haemolysis of the blood cells in *which the patient's* own blood breaks down thereby further compromising kidney function. Renal dialysis with an artificial kidney may be necessary.

E coli 0157 is only one strain of a huge family of *organisms* which live in *human* and animal guts. Most *E coli* are not disease-spreading pathogens *but* non-pathogenic bacteria which live in the gut and contribute *to digestion.*

Each country, even the districts within it, has its own strain of *E coli.* When a traveller visits a *faraway place in very little time* they are usually infected with the local strain of *E coli.* As newcomers to the flora of a holidaymaker's *guts,* the bacteria can cause an immediate, but usually mild, tummy upset.

This gastroenteritis — known euphemistically as Montezuma's revenge or Delhi Belly — is nothing to do with changes in the *composition of the local water, or* tiredness from the journey, but the result of dirty hands or poorly washed cooking utensils. After a *few days in a new country, the guts* adapt to the foreign strains of *E coli* and the holiday can be enjoyed *without* resort to *Lomotil.*

E coli 0157 is not yet, and it is hoped never will be, so prevalent as to cause anxiety to those who *enjoy* eating beef. It is wise, however, to have beef and indeed all meats very well cooked, which would in any case be welcomed by those who when children didn't like their potatoes dyed red, however health-giving the beef "juice".

Skin deep

WOMEN often complain that their rashes, or itches, are at their worst just before a period. Recently I saw a patient who told me that sometimes at the end of her HRT cycle *she developed formication,* the sensation of ants crawling on the skin, all over her head. Once bleeding started the formication *disappeared* only to *reappear* at the end of another packet of pills.

Monitor magazine has reviewed research published in America by dermatologists in Ohio. The doctors studied the influence of the hormonal balance *on women who had long-standing* skin troubles, including eczema and urticaria.

Dermatologists have known for more than 30 years that some women are sensitive to progesterone and this sensitivity may in *some* cause skin rashes.

The Ohio team has shown that in some cases this sensitivity is related to the oestrogen levels *rather than the progesterone. In seven* cases they found that although patients' long-standing skin conditions became worse before their *period, the progesterone* was not responsible. However, skin testing with intradermal oestrogen confirmed their *suspicion that the patients' marked* sensitivity was due to this hormone. Once intermittent Tamoxifen was used to suppress *oestrogen, the monthly exacerbation* of the skin trouble stopped.

Mind battle

CORPORAL Jones of *Dad's Army* was a veteran of the First World War and *scores of minor* colonial battles, but his temperament *belied his background and rows of* medals. Despite his cries of "Don't panic, don't panic" he did panic at the first hint of trouble.

A recent edition of the *Journal of Gerontology* carries unhappy news for those like Corporal Jones. His behaviour illustrates one important risk factor for the development of Alzheimer's disease. Agitation was also found to be related to an *increased rate of decline in* intellectual function once the dementia had become established.

It has long been recognised that a good *education* — *presumably* because of the encouragement it gives to people to continue to learn and to take an interest in their *surroundings* — *is associated with* a reduced risk of suffering Alzheimer's; people who remain mentally active are less prone to *this form of dementia and* this advantage has recently been confirmed by Dutch research published in the *British Medical Journal.* Conversely, the survey published in the *Journal of Gerontology* found that when patients with a higher *education* developed Alzheimer's, its progress was apt to be more marked.

The possibility that agitation is *an adverse prognostic symptom* in the development of Alzheimer's suggests that it might be good medical practice to treat these *symptoms* vigorously when it is first seen that they are complicating the dementia; thereby the rate of decline might be slowed.

The scourge of the slums rises again

The developed world thought it had defeated TB, but the infection is increasing among the homeless and the urban poor. **Dr Trisha Greenhalgh** investigates

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A radiographer looks at chest X-rays — susceptibility to tuberculosis is particularly high in infants, the elderly and the undernourished

Tuberculosis (TB), which killed one person in seven in 19th-century *Britain,* is once again in the news. The finding by the housing charity Crisis that 2 per cent of London's homeless people have active TB of the lung was published this week just as the *ink was drying on the* World Health Organisation's 1995 update on what it has officially termed the Global TB Emergency.

One new case of TB occurs somewhere every second, and the number of people infected worldwide is approaching two billion. The epidemic is blamed on a combination of disorganised and impoverished health-care systems in *developing countries, increasing* urban poverty, the spread of Aids and inadequate or incorrect treatment regimes.

The organism that causes TB, the tubercle bacillus, is passed on by saliva ("droplet infection"), usually through coughing. It is so tenacious that even with modern anti-TB drugs a *standard course of* treatment takes six months *and the disease can* recur many years after apparent cure. People who refuse treatment, or who *abandon it after* the first few weeks, may pose an important health hazard to their community, although not everyone who suffers from TB will pass it on to others. Tuberculosis of the lung *spreads rapidly, particularly if* the sufferer has a loose cough, whereas rarer forms affecting the bones, skin, gut, kidneys or reproductive organs are much less contagious.

Susceptibility to TB is higher in infants, the elderly, smokers and those who are undernourished, debilitated from a recent illness, or suffering from a chronic condition such as diabetes or Aids. *Droplet infection spreads* quickly in institutions, including hospitals and nursing homes. *The risk of spread is* proportional to the level of overcrowding and to the amount of time which the *individuals spend* indoors. Nelson Mandela's lungs bear the scars of TB caught during *his stay in an overcrowded* prison.

*Even though effective anti-*TB drugs were not developed until the 1930s, and a free *vaccine was not introduced* until 1948, mortality from TB in the UK has been falling steadily *since* records began in 1838 (see table). This illustrates the importance of housing, sanitation and nutrition in the *fight against the disease.* The building of sanatoriums to which sufferers could be sent *(thereby breaking the chain of* infection), and pasteurisation of milk, introduced gradually *after about 1890, also helped* bring the disease under control. Recently, however, trends have been reversed and TB notifications in England and Wales have shown a small but definite increase every year *between 1988 and 1992 (the* latest year for which statistics are available).

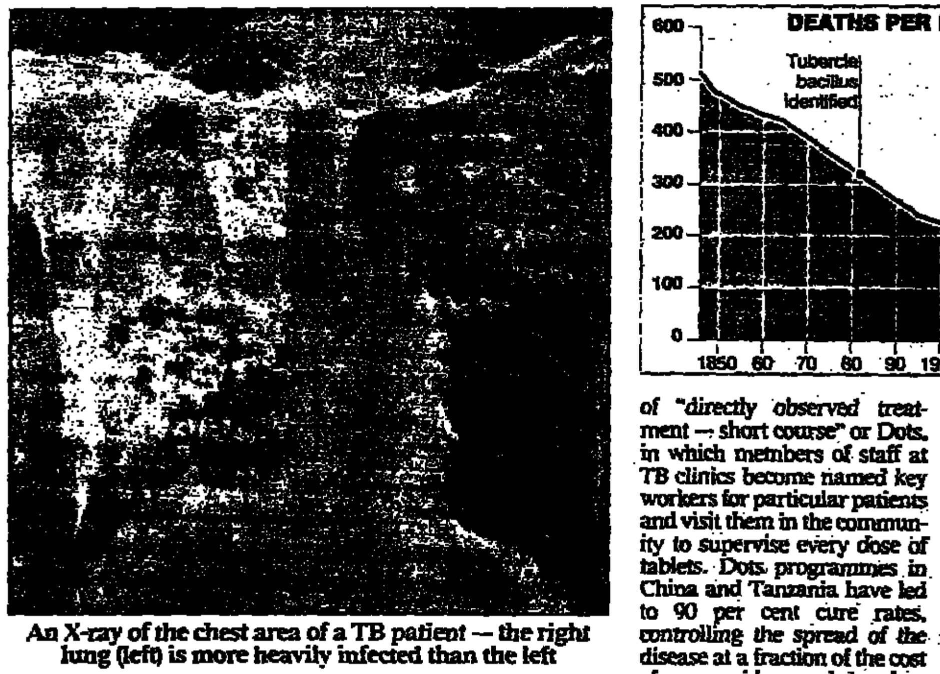
A paper in *last* week's *British Medical Journal* confirms that the 12 per cent increase in TB notifications between 1988 and 1992 in Hackney, east London, was explained almost entirely by a *35 per cent increase in the* disease in the poorest tenth of the population; the richest *three-quarters showed no* increase at all. Cases in recently arrived immigrants and refugees accounted *for less than* half of the observed increase, and although some new cases occurred in the "high-risk" *Indian and Pakistani* communities, just as high an increase occurred in traditionally low-*risk whites* and Afro-Caribbeans.

Another paper in the same *journal suggests* that being unemployed (or living with someone who is unemployed) can be a risk factor for the *development* of TB. Changes in the unemployment rate between 1982 and 1991 were *found to account for 23 per* cent of the variability between TB notifications in different *London boroughs. Being* unemployed lowers the family's income, but it also increases *the amount of time* a person spends about the house coughing or being coughed upon.

These findings have obvious *political implications,* but *the* figures should be interpreted carefully. The term "TB notifications" is not synonymous with "TB cases". A notifiable disease is one for which doctors are legally required to *report every new case they see* to a central surveillance centre so that new epidemics can be *detected easily.*

Other notifiable diseases include meningitis, measles, and salmonella food poisoning. The procedure *for notifying a disease involves* filling out a fairly lengthy form, for which the doctor is paid a small fee (£1.90). *It is* estimated that doctors omit to notify up to 40 per cent of all new TB cases. A rise in TB notifications, therefore, might reflect a true rise in incidence, an increase in doctors' *commitment to their form-filling* duties, or a combination of both. Yet another paper in this week's *BMJ shows* that a higher proportion of TB cases was notified in 1992 than in *previous years,* but that this only partially explains the rising incidence.

My own experience from working in TB clinics in inner London is that most "treatment failures" occur when



An X-ray of the chest area of a TB patient — the right lung (left) is more heavily infected than the left

patients do not understand the nature of their illness or the need for a prolonged course of tablets *(perhaps because there* are language difficulties, no one in the clinic speaks their language and a young child *is* interpreter), and also when the patient is homeless (would you remember your clinic appointments *without a Filofax or a* calendar on the kitchen wall?). Patients such as these who abandon treatment *help* to promote the growth of organisms resistant to anti-TB drugs.

The incidence of TB in New York City is now falling dramatically after a programme

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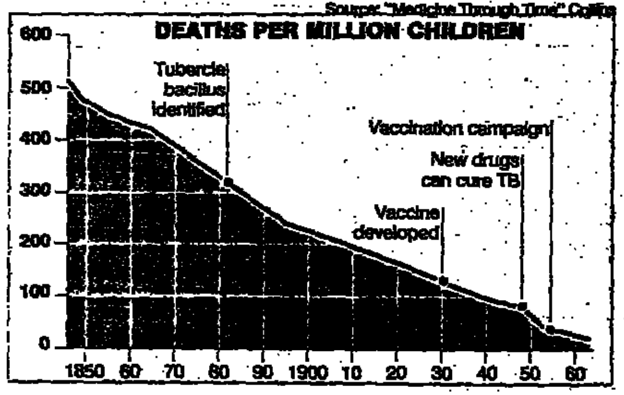
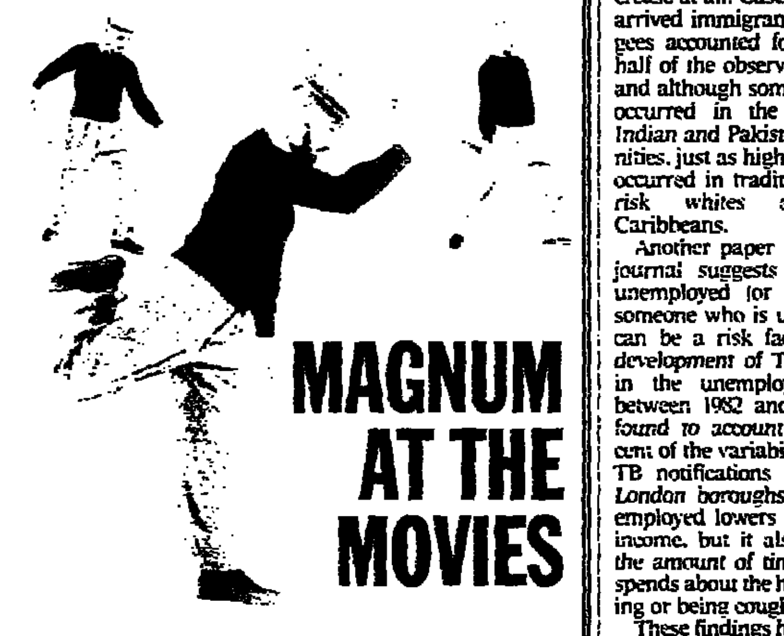


of *"directly observed treatment* — short course" or Dots, in which members of staff at TB clinics become named key workers for particular patients and visit them in the community *to supervise every dose of* tablets. Dots programmes in China and Tanzania have led to 90 per cent cure rates, *controlling the spread of the* disease at a fraction of the cost of more widespread, but less effective, *initiatives such as* routine hospitalisation of patients or upgrading the ventilation systems in public places. Without Dots, or a similar programme, drug-resistant, incurable TB might soon be added to the long list of potential health hazards in Britain's cardboard cities.

Case finding and chemotherapy are the cornerstone of tuberculosis control. At one time, all British schoolchildren were checked for immunity to TB and immunised if necessary. This programme *was abandoned because* it makes it difficult to diagnose infection in later life, and any *vaccination programme* ceases to be cost-effective when the prevalence of the disease is low. Now the programme is restricted to certain boroughs, mainly in inner cities where the risk is highest. However, given the latest figures on TB, perhaps it is time for the Government to reconsider its policy on mass *vaccination.*

●*Dr Trisha Greenhalgh is a GP in north London.*



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Nigel Hawkes reports on how stress added to the death toll among Israeli civilians during the Gulf War

Did Saddam make his enemies die of fright?

Civilian death rates soared on the first day Israeli cities were hit by missiles during the Gulf War, as stress took its toll on worried citizens. On the day of the first missile attack, *January 18, 1991, at least 50 more* people than expected died, *mostly of heart attacks,* a study published yesterday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports. A total of 147 people died, against the expected number of 93.

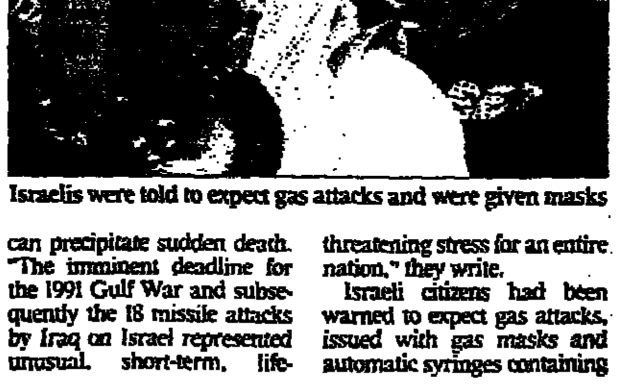
On each of the subsequent 16 days of missile attacks, Israeli death rates outside hospitals went up by 10 per cent. *These figures are in* addition to any killed directly by the missiles, and represent civilian deaths caused by the stress of the bombardment, or the efforts made to protect against it.

Dr Jeremy Kark and colleagues from the Hadassah Medical Organisation report in *JAMA* that evidence over the past *20 years supports the* idea that psychological stress can precipitate sudden death. "The imminent deadline for the 1991 Gulf War and subsequently the 18 missile attacks by *Iraq* on Israel represented unusual, short-term, life-threatening stress for an entire nation," they write.

Israeli citizens had been warned to expect gas attacks, issued with *gas masks* and automatic syringes containing atropine, *and told to* prepare a sealed room in their houses. Some undoubtedly died though misuse of the gas *masks, while others with* respiratory diseases may have suffered from oxygen shortage in the sealed rooms.

Women were far more likely to die than men. The fact that the death rate was especially high on the first day may imply the existence of a small, highly susceptible group vulnerable to the stress of a life-*threatening situation.*

The study is a classic example of a "found experiment". Dr David Phillips, a University of *California* sociologist, writes in an editorial in *JAMA.* This is an experiment created by events beyond the researchers' control, when an independent variable — *the* missile attacks — can be linked to a dependent variable, in this case increased civilian death rates. He writes that such experiments are well suited to establishing statistical links, but less effective at establishing causes.



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A reporter at war

Braving danger, scorning skirts, Phyllis Deakin, 96, was once *The Times's* sole female reporter. **Libby Purves** met her

MICHAEL POWELL

With the honorary rank of Captain, Phyllis Deakin was one of the first accredited female war correspondents

"I thought" said Phyllis Deakin, "that *The Times* would have forgotten all about me by now." She said it not with pathos, but with a sly, amused grin. Miss Deakin does not do pathos: she is of that suffragette generation which never went in for victim-feminism. Ninety-six this month, a year older than the Queen Mother, she lives on her own and fills a visitor's glass with a steady hand. Even when her memory fails, or takes her on a circular tour back to a story she told minutes ago, she remains essentially sharp, bright, and full of dry inward laughter.

Phyllis Deakin was for 14 years the only woman reporter on this newspaper. My visit, in this VE commemoration summer, was to honour certain events of half a century ago. The day after the Liberation of Paris the newspaper sent her across the Channel as one of the first six women to be accredited as war correspondents by the British Army. With Reg Hanson, the *Times* man who had been four years in a concentration camp, she unlocked the door of the long-empty Paris office and drank a toast there "to France, to *The Times*, to Peace"; before going out to report from the devastated city.

News pages in those days carried no by-lines, but Phyllis Deakin's later article for the *Times House Journal* shows her as a vividly observant, humane reporter. She describes the breakdown of transport and extraordinary sights on the street — men with their wives on bicycle handlebars and their Scottie in the saddlebag, a grown man on a child's scooter with ingeniously lengthened handlebars. "I could tell you," she wrote then, "of hospitality by the light of one candle which had cost 3s. Of a Sunday afternoon watching the first tennis matches to be held for some time, at which the whole crowd rose excitedly to its feet because a British soldier in a kilt was being shown to his seat. He was a greater attraction than the players on the court. Of school desks, white with constant scrubbing lest the children should have written anything on them which would have got them into trouble under German inspection . . . of a human shooting gallery and a torture chamber; of flowers on the pavement marking the spots where patriots had died fighting."

The detailed memory deserts her now when she looks for it. "But I do remember how you walked through the street and people kept stopping you, wanting to shake hands, just so delighted to see British uniforms".

She also remembers the continuing frustration of gender. "Warcos" held the honorary rank of Captain, and wore uniform; to the irritation of the British women, they were issued skirts. "Well, it was ridiculous. The American women all wore trousers. So one day when they told us we were going up-country in one of those" — she points to a model of an open, draughty Jeep on her bookshelf — "I talked to this young American chap and he said 'Look, I've got a spare pair, wear those'. So I did. The colour wasn't exactly the same khaki as ours, but it was close, so I went around for a while in American trousers under an English jacket. *The Times* did not like that. I suppose the Army must have told them. Soon afterwards I was brought back, and I definitely put it down to the trousers". There can't have been much wrong with her work, though: later, they sent her (in a skirt) to Brussels, Antwerp and Finland.

'People stopped you, wanting to shake hands'

She should, perhaps, have known better what females could not get away with. As a child of eight she was told to give her marbles to a boy friend called Vernon, because marbles were "a boy's toy". She obeyed but promptly won them back. "I found them the other day," she says. "Look!".

A small bowl of ancient pale-blue marbles glitters on the table. Later, she had her hair bobbed and "my father didn't speak to me for a month". But it is the story of her professional years which most illustrates the obstructive pettiness that energetic women fought during the first half of this century. It makes you feel abashed about modern complaints of glass ceilings and being called "sweetheart" in the office. It was tough.

In 1919, working at the Admiralty and spending her lunch-hour with a Votes for Women sandwich-board, Miss Deakin got a backdoor chance to be taken on at *The Times*: she spoke Spanish, and they urgently needed a translator.

She moved between departments until 1921, when Lord Northcliffe sacked her. "He got quite dotty towards the end, you know. There was someone else called Deakin on the staff, so he said there couldn't be two Deakins and I was out. Really, he didn't want women. As soon as Northcliffe died they asked me back. Oh, that was the proudest moment of my life . . . it meant so much to me!".

She was, however, determined to be a journalist, and in 1939 got her chance as a news reporter. "The Editor rang through and told me to get some particulars from Buckingham Palace." It is hard to know in what spirit Geoffrey Dawson asked this; possibly in the spirit of those who send pushy apprentices off for a pot of striped paint. But Phyllis put her hat and gloves on and departed for the Palace. "I had no idea how to get in, and knew one mustn't talk to the men on duty. So I went to the Lyons tearoom to summon up my courage, then asked a policeman". She talked her way in — it must have been a great novelty, this diminutive woman claiming to be a gentleman from *The Times* — saw George V briefly and his secretary at length, and returned to the office.

"I wrote and rewrote it. After a long time the Editor rang down to say he wanted to see me. He held up my copy and said 'Where did you get this?'. 'From the King,' I said. He said 'Hmmm. We'll use this'. And it was" — she stretches her hands, remembering every column-inch — "that long! My first report! After that he called me often. They moved me to the reporters' room".

'Where did I get the story? From the King, I said'

She was not allowed court work, murders or night stories, but covered everything else. She never had the problem which 1960s women journalists were to complain of, in being made to do "women's" stories. "Oh no, no — you see, *The Times* simply wasn't *interested* in women. To give them a story about women was impossible. No, they used me for a stop-gap". Other newspapers were beginning to think it smart and modern to have visible women reporters, but not hers. "Goodness, no. They didn't really want a woman at all".

Which makes it, on reflection, even more impressive that she lasted 14 years. It was in 1953 that Sir William Haley's *Times* decided to demote her. Phyllis Deakin had reported from blacked-out trains in the Blitz, from factories, royal tours, foreign capitals in wartime; she had been bumping through the wreckage of France in a Jeep while her editors sat comfortably in London. "They offered me a job as secretary to one of the top men instead. I didn't even stop to think: I resigned".

She had founded the Women's Press Club of London, and became a major figure in Business and Professional Women's Clubs; this networking was, she says now with her dry smile, a vital part of the advance of women: "The clubs, to put it mildly, saved the country. Women *are* important now. Their opinions are listened to. It was not easy".

Miss Deakin still reads *The Times* daily, and is pleased when women appear as specialist correspondents. On the whole, though, she finds all the modern press "absolutely bloody awful. Cheap on the language, and sensational. Not every writer, of course." she adds kindly. "Or I wouldn't be talking to you".

I would have been sorry if she hadn't. As I leave, I glance at the glittering blue bowl on the table. No marbles missing.

Ben Macintyre on the killer turned down by Harvard

Is matricide a bar to the Ivy League?

When she applied for a place at Harvard last year, 19-year-old Gina Grant seemed almost too good to be true: she was captain of her school tennis team, a cheerleader, popular with contemporaries and exceptionally bright with an unblemished academic record. An orphan, she had overcome a grim background in South Carolina and seemed set for a stellar academic career. She even spent her spare time teaching biology to underprivileged children in the neighbourhood where she lived with an uncle and aunt.

Harvard barely hesitated, and awarded her early admission to the university, a mark of distinction offered to only a handful of candidates.

Then, earlier this month, the university received an anonymous package containing faded newspaper clippings dating back to 1990, which painted a very different picture. The cuttings told how, at 14, Grant had bludgeoned her alcoholic and abusive mother to death with a candlestick. Convicted of voluntary manslaughter, she spent six months in a South Carolina juvenile detention centre before being released on parole to reinvent her life as a straight-A student.

Harvard promptly rescinded its offer of a place, setting off a storm of debate over questions of privacy, clemency and redemption and leaving the Ivy League university embroiled in one of the most embarrassing scandals in its 359-year history.

Last week, Harvard students held protest rallies on campus claiming that Grant had paid her dues to society, had proved her intellectual worth and should now be admitted. One Harvard alumnus has stated he will no longer make donations to the university; others have written to newspapers roundly condemning the university's action.

"Harvard has a special public responsibility to exercise moral leadership . . . the public interest, in this instance, is in the rehabilitation of people like Ms Grant, so that they can become useful, productive citizens," Ralph Deeds, a Harvard graduate, wrote.

A *New York Times* editorial, accusing the university of acting with "unseemly haste", called on Neil Rudenstine, the Harvard President, to "order a full review and reconsideration" of Grant's application. "Harvard has an obligation to behave in an educated way. In the matter of Ms Grant, it has not," the newspaper opined. "Decision-making triggered by press clippings that show up in the mail is not a process taught in any of the social sciences."

Harvard has so far refused to comment on or change its decision, and other universities, including Columbia and South Carolina, have capitalised on the furore by offering to consider an application from Grant. "If every other university in the world should turn her down, that means we sentence her to a life without education," John Silber, Boston University's President, declared on television.

Gina Grant: grim secret

Grant is now in hiding, but last week she issued a statement declaring her "deep disappointment" at Harvard's decision and pleading: "It serves no good purpose for anyone else to dredge up the pain of my childhood."

The precise circumstances of that childhood are now being hotly debated. Grant's father died of cancer in 1987, leaving her in the care of her mother, Dorothy Mayfield, an emotional and alcoholic wreck.

At the time of her trial, defence lawyers argued that Grant had been subjected to years of emotional cruelty by her mother. A psychiatrist who examined Grant in 1991 concluded that she had "suffered the worst kind of psychological abuse". But South Carolina prosecutors portray her as a rebellious and violent teenager who was enraged at her mother's refusal to let her go out with her then boyfriend, Jack Hook, a 15-year-old with a record of juvenile crime. According to autopsy reports, Mrs Mayfield, 42, was in a stupor and utterly defenceless on the night she was beaten to death.

After the killing, Grant and her boyfriend tried to make the death look like a suicide. The 14-year-old calmly told a string of lies to police after she was taken in. She first insisted that her mother had been murdered by burglars, then that she had fallen down stairs before finally settling on the claim that Mrs Mayfield had killed herself after an argument.

The sheriff of Lexington County in charge of the 1990 investigation maintains that Grant is "a cunning, intelligent manipulator", with a talent for deception who has never expressed a word of remorse for her mother's killing.

Harvard has offered "absolutely no comment" on its decision to reject Grant's application, although university officials say privately that the acceptance was withdrawn because Grant had hidden her criminal past and misrepresented the circumstances of her mother's death.

But her supporters point out that it does not require an IQ half as high as Grant's to realise that admitting matricide on a university application is not the best way to ensure a bright academic future. As Professor Richard Gelles, an expert on family violence at Rhode Island University, put it, Harvard "has proved why Gina Grant was right in the first place" to conceal her secret history.

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America's taste of true terror

Ben Macintyre on reverberations from the Oklahoma explosion

In Europe we have become grimly inured to the horrible realities of terrorism, but in America a blast like the one which ripped through the middle of downtown Oklahoma City yesterday carries with it psychological reverberations for which the American public is almost wholly unprepared.

America has had no terrorist threat to compare with the IRA, the Baader-Meinhof gang or Eta, and since its founding the country has rested on the comfortable belief *that it is all but invulnerable* to terrorist attacks on innocent civilians on its home territory.

Disgruntled post office workers might open fire in crowded shopping malls from *time to time, but terrorist mass* murder was a largely foreign concept — the sort of thing that happened in *Europe* or the Third World, where ancient animosities run deep, but not *in America — and certainly* not in Oklahoma.

Whoever planted yesterday's bomb, if such it turns out to be, could hardly have chosen a more apt and chilling way to explode that myth.

Oklahoma City, perhaps the quintessential quiet Midwestern town, is about as far across the American landscape as one can get from the brutalities of terrorism and the complexities of political violence.

An "Okie", a term *part-affectionate*, part-derogatory, is the classic corn-ball midwesterner, a simple fellow who minds his own business and wants no trouble. The message implicit in yesterday's explosion is a stark one, *that has left America reeling:* if Oklahoma City can be attacked, then nowhere is safe.

Yesterday's blast is the third event in less than three years to punch a hole in America's assumptions about its own security from domestic terrorist violence on a European *scale.*

The first was the bombing of the World Trade Centre in *February 1993, the worst* terrorist attack on American soil until that date, in which six people died and *thousands* were injured. Here was terrorism writ large and in blood, an attempt to knock out key landmarks and cause slaughter on a huge scale, yet in the *aftermath* of the Trade Centre bombing the alleged Muslim terrorists were portrayed as *bumbling* incompetents, a group of overzealous and underprepared radicals who were *rounded up within days.*

America breathed more easily, having become convinced that *this was an isolated* incident rather than the harbinger of a new terrorist era. *The trial of the men accused of* carrying out the attack continues in New York, but usually *relegated to back-page news* and largely forgotten.

Soon after the attack on the World Trade Centre came Waco, an event if anything more stunning in its raw *violence and naked rebellion.* For 51 days the country watched in disbelief as the *Branch Davidian compound* was besieged by government forces, and then saw the building *and its inhabitants choose* self-immolation rather than *surrender as the FBI moved in* with gas-propelling tanks.

Again America sought, and *in many instances* found, psychological comfort in the belief that Waco was an aberration. Yet it wrought a subtle and profound change in America's self-perception. Many who found the bizarre views of David Koresh repugnant nonetheless argued that the federal forces had behaved with reckless abandon in deciding to launch a military attack on the Waco compound.

In the subsequent investigation, fingers were pointed at *federal officials and heads* rolled, while on the more extreme fringes of American *society Waco came to* symbolise what happens when an overweening government takes up arms *against its own* citizens.

Throughout America, but concentrated in *parts* of Montana and Idaho, citizen militias have begun to spring up determined to protect, and if necessary fight for, the right to bear arms and defend themselves against government intrusion. Most of these groups are paranoid to an almost ludicrous degree, but almost without exception they regard the Waco siege and its tragic denouement as the prime example of an aggressive federal power attempting to curtail constitutional rights. To the more extreme, Koresh was a martyr merely exercising his dual rights to practise *his* own religion and collect guns.

The US has passed a new and dismaying milestone

Most US citizens, even those *wholly wedded* to their weaponry, would not consider taking up *arms* to defend their *right to own them, but with the* passage of the Brady Bill and other efforts to impose gun control the groundswell against interference is growing perceptibly.

In some political circles the Waco disaster, and its inept handling by the federal *Government, served only to reinforce* fears that the influence of Washington has increased, is *increasing, and ought to be* diminished.

Few would *disagree that* the Waco debacle was an event of domestic terrorism, *but whether the terrorists* were inside the cult compound or outside it remains an issue *of continuing and bitter* debate.

Whether yesterday's incident *reflects an upsurge of* violence by disgruntled Americans or the work of external, *politically motivated forces,* terrorism in the US has passed a new and dismaying *milestone.*

The World Trade Centre bombing shook America's self-*confident approach to terrorism:* the Waco catastrophe undermined it further and *with yesterday's explosion at* the Alfred Murrah Building, it may have finally evaporated.

As the authorities searched the rubble for bodies and clues yesterday, America, belatedly *but in earnest, joined the dour* roster of nations who have felt the scourge of terrorist *fanaticism.*

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Saving grace of the yen

The currency crisis can be traced to the flourishing economies of the East

William Rees-Mogg

Some people are saying that there is a dollar crisis; some people are saying that there is a yen crisis; the truth is that there is a world currency crisis, from which no country is exempt. The *dollar-yen rate is* a good measure of the scale of what is happening. Yesterday the yen briefly broke *through its record level of 80 to the* dollar; it did not quite hold that rate, but the next surge could well carry the yen beyond it. Yet this is an unbalanced rate in terms of domestic costs. Calculations of purchasing *power parity suggest that the dollar* has the domestic purchasing power of almost 200 yen.

Why *has the yen risen so far* against the dollar? It is not speculation. For the past year the main finance *houses* in the market have thought that the yen was too high and the dollar was too low. George Soros *himself* lost money by speculating on the recovery of the dollar; the great Barings speculation which went so *hideously* wrong was a bet *that* the Nikkei Dow Jones index would rise, which could happen only if the yen weakened *against the dollar and* took pressure off Japanese profits. For the past year the speculators have been *losing money by backing a rise in the* dollar; they are now out of the market because of their losses, though most *of them still think that they are right* about the fundamentals. Central bank intervention has been on the *same side;* whenever *Japan has* intervened it has been to sell yen and buy dollars.

Both speculation and intervention have been overwhelmed by the ordinary forces of the market, by the *Japanese trade surplus* and by the capital demand to buy yen and sell dollars. The ordinary Japanese trade *surplus runs at about* $10 billion (£6.2 billion) a month, which has to be converted through the market into *dollars before any other intervention* can have any impact.

Japan's trade surplus does arise *partly from limitations on the* access of imported goods to the Japanese domestic market. Import penetration *in Japan is estimated to amount only* to 4.5 per cent. The trade talks between the United States and Japan *are going badly. Yet the Japanese* surplus owes much more to the high level of Japanese savings.

Japanese private and public consumption accounts for only 66.4 per cent of gross domestic product, *compared with figures of* 71.9 *per cent* for Germany, 86.8 per cent for the United Kingdom, and 87.4 per cent for the United States. The Japanese *surplus available for investment and* net exports is therefore nearly three times the American. Any change in import restrictions *would make little* difference to such disproportionate figures. The Americans and the *British can reflect ruefully that* "the fault, dear Brutus, lies not in our stars" but in our low savings rates *"that we are underlings".*

These high savings rates are not found only in Japan, but are characteristic *of the emerging Asian countries* as well. In particular, the *Hong Kong figures* are spectacular even by Japanese *standards, with private* and public consumption of only *38.6 per cent of* GDP; Singapore is 52.8, and South Korea is 64.7. China *itself has an even better figure than* Japan, with total public and private consumption of only 61 per cent. It is *inevitable that countries with a lower* consumption rate will have stronger economic development.

The latest figures from China suggest that the apparently inexorable rise in the yen reflects the strength *of the Asian economic revolution as* much as a purely Japanese development. When the dollar falls below 80 *yen, the decline of the West and the* rise of the East is signalled. In the first quarter of 1995 the Chinese authorities, *worried by inflation,* managed to slow down the pace of economic growth from last year's 11.8 *per cent to a seasonally adjusted* 10 per cent. This small decline in the growth rate had a spectacular effect *on the Chinese trade surplus, which* rose to $7 billion for the quarter. As with Japan, the United States is *disputing China's restrictions on* trade. That is largely irrelevant. A country which saves 39 per cent of GDP will *naturally have a trade* surplus with one which saves only 12.6 per cent.

In the first quarter of 1995 China was probably running the second largest trade surplus in the world, as well *as the highest rate of growth of a* major economy. From *1997 onwards* the Hong Kong surplus on services will be added to this Chinese surplus *on trade.* Their combined proportion of GDP available for investment and net exports is unlikely to be less than *40 per cent, far higher than the* North American or European and somewhat higher even than the Japanese.

The Economist publishes figures which show what proportion of each nation's GDP is consumed, and how *much is available for investment* and exports. These figures are unavoidably somewhat out of date and are *distorted by differences in business* cycles. Yet the relationship between these *ratings* and economic development or currency *strength cannot be* questioned. If one gives a credit rating *of* AAA *for* consumption between 60 and 65 per cent, AA for 65 to 70 *and so on down to a B for 85 to 90, one* would get these ratings for China, India and the Group of Seven *countries:* AAA China, AA Japan, A Germany, BBB India and France, BB Italy and Canada, B UK and USA. *This corresponds well to the experience* of the currency market. The figures for Russia would be out of *date and entirely unreliable. Greece* would be the only European Union country with a CCC.

The two large advanced economies with high ratings are *Japan and Germany; inevitably* the yen and the mark have become high value reserve *currencies, over-valued in purchasing* power parity terms. This has its own difficulties. It results in exaggerated *overseas investment and in the* export of jobs. Japan has suffered from several years of stock-market *depression, and relatively low growth* of the economy. The German economy looks overloaded as well as being *high-cost.*

Nevertheless, the countries with the lower credit ratings have the *greater problems,* particularly the United States. The high rating countries can generate the funds for high domestic investment, *as in* the case of China, and are able to accumulate overseas investments and financial assets, as in the case of Japan. Their currencies tend to appreciate in value — though that is a deferred process for developing countries with high growth rates and pressures of domestic inflation.

The dollar is still by far the largest of the world's reserve currencies; even now it represents about 60 per cent of the world's currency reserves, and *is used as the denominator for* the large majority of world commodity prices. Britain suffers because the *pound* only deserves a B rating, though that may currently be improving; the world suffers because *the US dollar is also on only* a B rating. The exchange markets make it only too clear that this low rating *for the dollar is not improving.*

Policies that would raise the rating of the dollar — which is very *important — or the pound — which is* important to Britain — are obvious enough. It is necessary to encourage *private saving, which can most* directly be done by eliminating taxes on capital and on savings of all kinds, and by *reducing public consumption,* which requires harder electoral choices. These are conservative measures. *In Britain, even a Blair Labour* government would be under pressure to raise the taxes on savings and *increase public consumption,* which could reduce Britain to a CCC rating, alongside Greece. The finances of *Red China* are *much more conservative,* and much more successful, than those of the capitalist United States.

These currency imbalances cannot be put right by central banking, even where that is strong. Pro-savings policies, *such as those of Singapore,* Japan or China, have to run through the whole political system. The *alternative, for Britain as for the* United States, is economic decline, and probably fall as well.

Surely they will not go down this road. The Asian advantages in terms of high savings, high investment and *trade surpluses are now being* recognised worldwide. What could be called the Asian rules for taxation — *no taxes on capital,* no taxes on external earnings, a top income tax rate of 20, or at the most 30, per cent — are *being studied* or *adopted* in several leading Latin American countries, and in New Zealand. They could well become general. Even the Anglo-Saxons will sooner or later stop destroying the savings on which all *development depends.*

Who are Major's real foes?

Make peace with the rebels, says **Nicholas Budgen**

After the Scottish local elections on April 6, the Prime Minister was asked to explain the bad results for the Tories. He said: "People expect Conservatives to be united. When it does not happen, people are naturally concerned about it. I think that they have sent a fairly clear *message* on this occasion." Ian Lang, the Secretary of State for Scotland, put it even more forcefully: "We must *certainly* listen to the verdict of the electorate in these local elections. It reflects disunity within the Conservative Party."

So it was all the fault of the Tory Euro-rebels! It is a matter of fact that *the public opinion polls supported* the Government and the Prime Minister from the general election in May 1992 *until* our exit from the ERM on September 16 of that year. Since that exit the Government has *never recovered its popularity.* There is also evidence that those of us who oppose European federalism are more popular than those who support the Government's line.

Let us assume that disunity is an important electoral disadvantage. If so, this certainly gives the nine an importance, particularly in Scotland, which we never expected. Since most of us come from Middle England and none of us from north of Staffordshire, it is remarkable. However, if the Prime Minister believes his own argument, *then he has the means* of bringing the disunity to an end. Eight of us did not leave the parliamentary party. We were chucked *out at* the end of last November. It was widely expected, and indeed authoritatively suggested, *that* the whip would be offered back to us at Easter. It can and should be offered back to all of us *now.*

Why the delay? First the *Government expects the* Tories to do badly in the local elections in England and Wales on *May 4. It is highly likely* that an attempt to blame us will be made on May 5 or 6; but this will not work as an effective explanation. *However,* I suppose it is easier to attack us than to admit that Tory policies and *personalities are unpopular.*

The second reason for our exclusion is even more byzantine. The *newspapers are littered with reports* that the Prime Minister is preparing to defend himself against an attack *on his position shortly after May 4.* The rules of the Tory party provide that if 10 per cent of the parliamenta*ry party ask for an election for the* leadership at the beginning of any session of Parliament, then an elec*tion must* take *place.*

I have not been a part of the manoeuvrings of any group in the *Tory party. But I understand that the* calculations of those who want a change of leadership run something *like this. Let us* get the necessary 32 or 33 names as soon as possible after May 4. Then we tell the press that we *have these names. This so* weakens the position of the Prime Minister that he has to ask for an election *before the summer recess so as* to clear the air and restore his authority.

The plans for the counter-attack *are also well reported. Constituency* activists are important in influencing the vote for the leadership by Members *of Parliament.* Mr Major is not making Margaret Thatcher's mistake of ignoring her own back yard. There *have* been a series of receptions at No 10 for constituency chairmen and their spouses. This was not to discuss their dogs or the Downing Street furniture.

Then there has been a threat that *the* names of *the* 32 or 33 will be leaked to Downing Street. No doubt somebody will explain how such *leaking would* be consistent with the neutrality in conducting elections with which the Whips' Office and the *committee* of the 1992 Committee are supposed to behave.

Then *again it is said that* on May 5 we shall hear Mr Clarke, Mr Portillo and Mr *Heseltine all lined* up to explain that they support the Prime Minister and do not want a leadership election. Well, I *am sure that these are* but a few of many contingency plans that the Prime Minister has in place.

However, I *suggest that for most of* the nine, this is all unnecessary. Mr Major's dedicated enemies are outside *our group.* When *at the end of* November it was clear that we ran the risk of being kicked out of the *party,* some of those who were then our allies drew back. They did not want to be thrown out, because their first priority was to demand a leadership election as soon as possible. But for the nine the priority is and remains to influence policy over Europe and *not to change* the leadership.

Our party in the country is fighting with its back to the wall. Local councils are vital in carrying forward Conservative policies — particularly *in education.* Our council candidates are the core of our party. They need the best possible conditions in which to fight. This is more important than settling *old scores* or acting with narrow calculation. The sooner the Prime Minister acts with goodwill and generosity *in* bringing this silly tiff to an end the better.

The author is Conservative MP for Wolverhampton South West.

Fair game?

CONSERVATIVE MPs are appalled by plans for a musical entitled *Bedfellows* based on the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn. It is to be staged as part of the Perth Arts Festival next month, during the by-*election campaign resulting from* the maverick MP's death.

Holding court through the drama *will be one Sir Christopher* Vainwean, a womaniser based on Fairbairn who has an astonishing dress sense and is standing *down* as an MP. The musical features a Labour leader, Tony Bland, and concerns a by-election in the fic*tional* seat of Auchtergeldy which is based on Fairbairn's seat of Perth and Kinross.

Bill Walker, the Tory MP for neighbouring Tayside North, called the plan a disgrace. "It's in very poor taste putting on a show *that* is designed to ridicule the memory of a dead Member of Parliament in the middle of a by-*election brought* about by that Member's death," he stormed. The Tory member for Upminster, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, who *attended* Fairbairn's funeral, said: "It's much too close to his death. It will probably cause a great *deal of upset to the family."*

But Iain Halliday, chairman of the Perth Arts Festival, defended the plan to stage the musical. "While saddened by Sir Nicholas's death, I am sure he would have enjoyed it, being the kind of character he was. He would have bought a ticket in the front row."

● *Locals have not been slow to cash in on the holed catamaran in Jersey. Geoffrey Spencer-Tucker, of the Jersey Sea Sports Centre, is offering half-hour boat trips round the wreck of the* St Malo *at £5 a head.*

"He doesn't retire, he just goes on permanent strike."

We're British

THE LADIES swooned at his manly pronouncement. "Leave out the sex," he said, every inch the master of his craft. "We don't need the gory bits." Roy Hattersley, the part-time novelist and MP, was speaking at the Romantic Novelist of the Year Award yesterday, won by Charlotte Bingham for *Change of Heart.*

Hattersley had entered his own novels in previous years, but to no avail. *So unashamedly delicate is* his prose that his typist once asked how four generations had evolved in a *family* where *no one* seemed even to touch anyone else. "I must be the only Yorkshireman and Sheffield Wednesday supporter *who is happy to say the word 'love'* in public," he replied.

New Bill

JASON DONOVAN, the Australian golden boy of popular music who used to bleach his hair with lemon juice, is heading north today to learn to bluff his way as a Yorkshireman. The former soap opera star is to play Billy Liar in a revival of the musical *Billy.* And he is to take lessons in Yorkshire-speak *from* Willis Hall, co-author with Keith Waterhouse of the original play, who is a straight-talking Tyke living in Ilkley.

Waterhouse was optimistic for Donovan's prospects. "He seems like a nice lad, and Willis will lick him into shape," he said. Donovan wasn't ready to affect his Yorkshire accent at a press conference yesterday. "It will be a challenge," he admitted. "And we're taking the show all over the country, so I'm going to get really confused between Yorkshire, Liverpool and Birmingham."

Full service

ST CHRISTOPHER may be the patron saint of travellers but frustrated motorists can now call on another source of spiritual guidance. For *the first time since it was* formed in 1905, the Automobile Association is to have a full-time chaplain. The Rev Brian Leathley, a dab-hand with the wheeljack, will assume *his new mantle next* year.

"I expect I'll have the occasional *call-out from motorist members in* distress," says Leathley, who zips about in a Peugeot 405 GLD turbo, *"but there are 15,000 staff to minister to as well."* The revving reverend has yet to call on the AA's mechanics himself. "I don't need them. I have wings," he says enigmatically.

Royal rocker

ONE OF the less conventional members of the Royal Family has died after a short illness. Teresa D'Abreu, 45, passed away peacefully in her sleep over Easter. As daughter of Ann Bowes-Lyon, a first cousin of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, she was a second cousin of the Queen — as closely related as Lady Helen Taylor.

D'Abreu was in the rock music business and tended to play down her noble origins. She formed a group called the Sadista Sisters, a gentrified, all-female version of the Sex Pistols who swore at audiences, wore fishnet stockings and wielded leather whips with abandon. One contemporary commen*tator remarked:* "She had a *voice* like Concorde taking off. It was a rip-roaring rock show that made *Blondie's* Debbie Harry look like Minnie the Mouse." She had moved on from the days at Glamis Castle in Scotland when she bounced on the knee of the Queen Mother.

Teresa D'Abreu: roaring voice

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OUT THEY TROT

The SWP continues its subversive work

Doug McAvoy, the leader of the National Union of Teachers, deserves praise for his courageous attack upon the militant delegates who have brought shame upon the union's annual conference this week. Of the various organisations representing teachers, the NUT has long been the most left-wing. Yet the ferocity of its militant factions in the last few days — most disgracefully evident in the mobbing of David Blunkett on Saturday — has clearly shocked even seasoned NUT hands like Mr McAvoy.

Parents, meanwhile, have been asking why disorderly incidents of this sort should be happening at a gathering of teachers, the professionals to whom they entrust the care of their children. The principal reason seems to be the successful and well co-ordinated penetration of the union by militant groups such as the Socialist Workers' Party. Most of the delegates who trapped Mr Blunkett were wearing SWP badges. The driving force behind this week's militancy, the Socialist Teachers' Alliance, is also dominated by the party. Its clear strategy has been to lead the opposition to the Government's education policy in pursuit of its objectives.

This is becoming a recognisable pattern. Since the expulsion of Trotskyite organisations from the Labour fold, the SWP has focused upon single-issue campaigns, infiltrating legitimate protests and using them. The party's placards have become a familiar sight at every kind of demonstration: against the poll tax, against road-building, against abuses of animals, against the Government's higher education policy, against the Criminal Justice Act. Their purpose in all cases has been to transform legitimate political protest into disorder that can be characterised as proto-revolutionary. The results have often been ugly. Law-abiding people with a point to make have been exploited in the name of Trotskyite doctrine.

It is tempting to dismiss such groups as political cranks. To do so would be a mistake. The SWP is certainly well organised and has a growing membership which may already number 10,000. Because its philosophy is Trotyskite and its leaders opposed Soviet Communism, the party survived the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. It may even have strengthened its credibility on the hard-Left as a result. In recent years, the SWP has shown that it is capable of engineering minor but significant tremors in our political culture. Because the NUT's conference is a policymaking body, the party targeted that annual event in an attempt to impose its views on the largest teaching union. There is also evidence that its activists encouraged last year's rail strike.

The decline of radicalism in the Labour Party has made the SWP attractive to younger people who wish to express in action their hard-Left political beliefs. Some on the Labour Left argue that the Opposition should compete to win back this support. Tony Blair is right to resist this advice and to condemn militant action in forthright terms. By emphasising the distance between reformed Labour and the old variety, he is far more likely to win votes than to lose them. Indeed, nothing would serve the Opposition leader better than the eventual breakaway from the party of its left-wing malcontents.

The survival and relative prosperity of the SWP should also be of concern beyond the world of Labour, the unions and the Left. In spite of the Trotskyites' best hopes, the State is in no danger of being overthrown. That does not mean that calculated disruptions of public order or subversive exploitation of the right to free speech should be tolerated.

BASQUE BOMBS

The terrorism in Madrid betrays Eta's desperation

None of the hardships visited upon the Basque country since the death of General Franco — and these have been small in number — can be attributed to José María Aznar. Yet the leader of Spain's conservative opposition Popular Party (PP) was yesterday the target of an attempted murder by Eta, the radical Basque terrorist organisation. The two bombs set off in the Spanish capital are proof that the country's bloody struggle against the forces of separatist violence and intimidation is still an uphill one.

The attack on Señor Aznar — and the cowardly murder in January of Gregorio Ordóñez, the PP's leading politician in the region — betrays Eta's consternation over the gains that party has made among Basque voters. Given their christian democrat inclinations, the Basques could learn to live with a PP administration in Madrid, provided Señor Aznar reforms rapidly his own party's outdated resistance to greater regional autonomy and restrains its more Castilianist elements.

The explosions occurred on the day after a High Court judge indicted 14 former officials for having organised the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Group (Gal), a death squad which murdered 27 suspected Basque separatists between 1983 and 1987. Among those charged is Rafael Vera, the former Secretary of State for Security. Señor Vera's indictment makes still less credible the avowal earlier this year by Felipe González, the Prime Minister, that he "never authorised, covered up, or tolerated the actions of Gal".

The Gal trial, which promises to be a messy and prolonged affair, could bring again to the surface that sense of alienation from Madrid which most Basques have gradually taught themselves to overcome. Spain's present constitution is an admirable model for any multi-ethnic state seeking ways to accommodate the demands of its peoples. The Franco regime may have dedicated itself to erasing the Basque identity in a war of "assimilation", but the Basque country today is one of the most free autonomous regions in Europe.

Euskera, the impenetrable local language, is promoted at great expense, even though large sections of society learn it less than wholeheartedly. The regional administration, which has considerable powers to raise and spend taxes, also commands its own police force. This degree of autonomy, and the consolidation of democratic political institutions, has undercut support for radical alternatives.

Julio Caro Baroja, the noted Basque anthropologist, once wrote that "to be a liberal in the Basque country is to be a lunatic; it is like talking to yourself in the street": he would not recognise the place today. For it is the growth of a liberal consciousness among the Basques that best illustrates the distance the region has travelled since Franco died.

Violence, which once enjoyed a certain political authority in the Basque country, is today a discredited tool: support for Eta is at its lowest ebb. Most importantly, the Basques have realised that the problem of terrorism is as much their own as it is Madrid's. Unlike Ulster, where divisions are religious and atavistic, the Basque country's violence is the product of ideological hardliners whose popular support shrinks by the day. Eta's brand of terrorist bomb and nationalist myth deserves only the strongest condemnation.

SUN RISES IN THE WEST

The Japanese must change if they are to become inventors

Nintendo, the Japanese video games manufacturer, has made a multimillion-dollar investment in Rare, a tiny British video software developer run by a team of extravagantly inventive brothers. The decision inevitably invites consideration of one of the most enduring mysteries about the Japanese — that they are unable to generate any ideas of their own. It also provokes reflection on the failure of so many Japanese firms to make good use of the talent of Western entertainment culture, in which they invest so heavily as "software".

Sony trod this path in 1989, buying pop stars, film idols and its own Hollywood studio, Columbia Pictures Entertainment. The result was a series of flops, and a $3.1 billion loss for Sony Pictures Entertainment. A similar fate befell Matsushita after it too made the pilgrimage to Hollywood and bought MCA Universal.

The long-term prognosis for the Nintendo-Rare union does not look good. The problem lies in an unfathomable cultural divide which makes Japanese executive engagement with Western creative teams extremely difficult. In Sony's case this manifested itself in buttoned-down, risk-averse Japanese managers expecting systematically quantified potential, delivered in advance. This was impossible to reconcile with good creative film-making.

Japan has had trouble working with instinctive Western creative talent. Free-ranging experiment accords ill with the Japanese sublimation of individual interests to those of the group. This is not to say that Japan has no creativity of its own. But the rigid corporate structure and education system are not ideal breeding grounds for the great intuitive leaps by which the frontiers of human knowledge are advanced.

Susumu Tonegawa, one of Japan's three Nobel laureates for science, who won in 1987 several years after leaving Japan for the less restrictive atmosphere of an American research institute, has made it clear that he considers the hierarchy and formalism of academic Japan to be inimical to free inquiry. The invention of the random access memory, for example, could not have happened in Japan because it required a different concept of scientific inquiry from goal-orientated Japanese R&D. It also required a commitment of time, money and talent to the thousands of failures and dead-end projects that went before. Japan does not have a history of bearing those costs in order to generate home-grown inventions. Innovation, not invention, is how Japanese creativity manifests itself.

Through tie-ups and takeovers Japanese companies still hope to absorb the best of what the West has to offer. But Japanese firms will reap full rewards only if they recognise cultural gaps and avoid the lure of ownership with all its managerial pitfalls. They should opt instead for financial arrangements guaranteeing access to the ideas. Better still, Japan should start to foster its own creative talents. If its software industry is to compete, Japan needs a few hackers. If its biotechnology industry is to make breakthroughs, Japan must begin fully to understand the value of accident and aberration. This is asking the Japanese to modify their Japaneseness, but no less will be required if they are to make the pace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Chief suppliers of arms to Saddam

From Mr Richard Worcester

Sir, It may not be widely known that in 1991, before the Scott inquiry on arms to Iraq was conceived, Americans and Israelis conducted a comprehensive analysis of all arms that were supplied to Saddam during the Iran-Iraq war by all countries. The prime miscreants were of course the Soviet Union, with 40 different types of weapons, followed by France (27).

Four other countries could sell comparatively few: Brazil (8), Italy (13), Chile (7) and Egypt (13). The remaining 19 countries each sold a handful of different weapon systems. At the bottom of the list were America and Britain, with one each. Even ultra-neutral Switzerland sold four different types of system.

The one American instance was the supply of 81 Bell 214ST helicopters (the ST stands for Super Transport) probably used to ferry wounded back from the front line. The British instance referred to 55 Saboteur personnel carriers, maybe for taking medical staff forward.

Britain and the US can be proud that they adhered to UN guidelines and consciences not to sell arms to warring nations or factions. If the Scott inquiry makes this point it will have served a purpose, albeit expensively.

Yours truly,
RICHARD WORCESTER,
Sussex House,
Parkside, Wimbledon, SW19.
April 12.

Tory discontent

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for Worcestershire South (Conservative)

Sir, I am appalled that another Bank Holiday has gone by without there being a restoration of the Whip to the nine Conservative whipless MPs. Their continued absence from the Conservative parliamentary party is a gift to those who wish to undermine the general unity and purpose of the mass of our party.

Both the Government and the whipless have a clear interest in the immediate resolution of this matter. The Government needs the nine votes in the Commons; the whipless need to re-establish their influence within the mainstream of the Conservative Party and to avoid the danger that they and the cause they represent will be marginalised.

It is crucial that there is now a closing of the ranks.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SPICER,
House of Commons.
April 17.

From Mr Jeremy Bath

Sir, Mr Brian Whittingham (letter, April 13) is far from alone in his concern over the undemocratic forces at work within the main infrastructure of the present Government.

Actions of more than one Government minister have been repeatedly criticised and indeed overturned by the judiciary, but I fear that the creation of the Courts Agency, controlled as it is by unelected officials, seriously threatens the freedom and independence which the courts have traditionally exercised.

As a lawyer I am deeply alarmed at the unconstitutional acts of the Major Government. As a businessman I am appalled by their incompetence.

For 30 years I have religiously supported the Conservative Party but it now no longer represents the views and beliefs which are fundamental to so many of its supporters in the middle classes.

Having committed itself to getting rid of the burden of an unworkable marriage with nationalisation the Labour Party led by Mr Blair is a far more appealing prospect for me at the ballot box.

Yours sincerely,
JEREMY BATH,
Apartment 1, Unicorn House,
The Village, Prestbury, Cheshire.
April 13.

From Mr Eric Turnbull

Sir, Norman Lamont made a speech ("Scrap their costly vanity", April 13) in which he said that the European Parliament was unnecessary. Whoever, down the centuries would have predicted that in 1995 a Conservative Member of Parliament would need to address the Campaign for an Independent Britain?

Yours faithfully,
ERIC TURNBULL,
1 St Leonards Court,
St Leonards Road, East Sheen, SW14.
April 13.

Floral support

From Mr John Fowler

Sir, The *Amelanchier canadensis*, or June Berry, is carrying the most beautiful bloom this spring.

Should we not each be planting one, if not now in direct support of our Canadian cousins, at least in memory of the fish on the Grand Banks?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. FOWLER,
J. Fowler & Sons,
Warren Farm,
Romford, Essex.
April 18.

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Consequences of teachers' militancy

From Mr R. A. Adcock

Sir, The mood of frustration so evident at the teachers' conferences is widely shared by all the partners in education. One of the striking features of recent months has been the accord between governors, parents and teachers. However, militant action by teachers will undermine this accord and play into the hands of Government by ceding to them the moral high ground, which at the moment they have lost.

We would all like to vent our frustration in some sort of effective action, but the target is elusive. We are dealing not just with government policies but also with the dissemination of conflicting information in the tug-of-war between Government and local education authorities (LEAs). The casualties are truth and our children's education.

We now need an Education Charter to set out the commitment of Government, LEAs and the Funding Agency for Schools, and the responsibilities and rights of governors, parents, pupils and teachers. It would provide a framework within which education could be planned into the next century.

The time may be propitious, given the public concern and the fact that government and opposition spokesmen seem to be talking much the same language about education.

I suggest, therefore, some sort of commission to draw together politicians, practitioners and the other partners in education to try to achieve consensus. Perhaps the National Governors' Council set up last year (details, *The Times Educational Supplement*, October 28; November 4, 1994) might be a focus for such a development.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER ADCOCK (Secretary,
Devon Association of Governors),
The Barn, North Sidborough,
Loxbeare, Tiverton, Devon.
April 19.

From Mrs R. Bobbin

Sir, As a teacher I am appalled that the unions should jeopardise the fragile peace recently established with the Government. Surely, negotiation, not industrial action, is the key to furthering the aims of teachers.

In India I taught classes of 40 to 50 with relative ease because the children were well motivated and keen to learn. Here in Britain many teachers are confronted with increasing numbers of highly disruptive children. In this situation, class size does matter and teachers need far more support than they get.

Yours in frustration,
R. BOBBIN,
Churchgate Cottage,
Church Lane, Weston,
Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
April 19.

From Sir Terence Conran

Sir, There is constant debate among teachers, government ministers and parents about the rewards teaching staff get. As far as I know, nobody has ever compared the number of hours teachers, university lecturers and professors work per annum with those of their equivalents in commerce or industry.

If you are encouraging a lively debate in the pages of your paper, I am sure that the analysis of this subject could become one. Time is money, we are told.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE CONRAN,
22 Shad Thames, SE1.
April 18.

From Mrs Paula M. C. King

Sir, As a teacher of 40 years' experience, I was greatly saddened to see colleagues' behaviour towards Mr David Blunkett, MP (report, April 17; leading article, April 18).

After such an exhibition, how can we hope to gain the respect we should be able to command — and where is the much sought-after professionalism?

Yours faithfully,
PAULA M. C. KING,
White Gates, Windlesham, Surrey.
April 18.

Study of Classics

From Professor Vivian Nutton

Sir, The pragmatists among your correspondents (April 8, 11, 17) who take comfort in the welcome expansion of classical studies weaken their case by assuming that only the authors of ancient Greece and Rome are of importance, and that translations now supply adequately the wants of those who have no Greek or Latin. Neither assumption is valid.

Even today, there is no English translation of one third of the Hippocratic Corpus and over half the Galenic Corpus, classical writings that formed the basis of the Western medical tradition.

The situation is far worse for post-classical writings. Only a minute percentage of the abundant literature produced in Latin down to the 19th century has been translated into a modern language, or ever will be.

If the study of Latin in this country declines to the extent that Greek has already done future generations will be denied access to the achievements of major scientists, philosophers, and historians, to say nothing of humbler memorials and epitaphs, and large parts of our heritage will be effectively lost in a new Dark Age. Concern for the future of Latin should not be confined to classicists.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIAN NUTTON
(Professor of the History of Medicine,
University College London),
225 Sandpit Lane,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Simon E. Fishburn

Sir, There is another aspect of the current neglect of classical languages by educational institutions which is rarely referred to. It is a fact that many scholars in fields of study which are allied to classical languages and culture started out as classicists but used their linguistic, historical or archaeological training in fields as diverse as Egyptology, Assyriology, Islamic languages and literature, Indian studies and even Chinese and Japanese.

The use of "classical techniques" in these other fields has undoubtedly borne valuable fruit. Are we now to cast aside carelessly a tradition which should aid our understanding of this diverse world of ours?

Yours faithfully,
S. E. FISHBURN,
10 The Old Convent, Moat Road,
East Grinstead, West Sussex.
April 18.

Fish farming

From Professor Emeritus S. John Pirt

Sir, The fisheries crisis is here to stay (letters, April 14). There are never again going to be enough fish in the wild to satisfy the market. The rising world population combined with raised living standards will see to that.

The only solution to the problem is to divert from hunting fish to farming fish. However, fish farming is an under-developed, novel biotechnology. In the research institutes, fisheries research seems to be concentrated on counting the number of fish left in the sea (ecology) rather than developing farming technology. The concepts for farming any kind of fish or sea food exist but need long-term research and development.

Britain, which borders on about 75 per cent of the fishing grounds of Europe, could make fish farming one of its major manufacturing industries in the future.

Some big thinking in biotechnology is required to solve the fisheries crisis, not fish wars.

Yours faithfully,
S. JOHN PIRT,
50 Chartfield Avenue, Putney, SW15.
April 13.

Fish out of water

From Mr S. B. Tress

Sir, The appearance of a salmon in Dockland waters (News in Brief, April 13) is a welcome indication that fish are returning to London's river.

How has this event been celebrated? By catching the salmon, allowing it to die and then stuffing and mounting it. This hardly seems the best way to foster aquatic life in the Thames.

Yours sincerely,
S. B. TRESS,
34 Shelley Gardens,
North Wembley, Middlesex.
April 13.

Police trauma

From Dr Peter Horsey

Sir, The public image of the police is that they are, as Mr Justice Waller described them, "persons of extraordinary phlegm". Time and again they display high courage and doubtless most of them took no pride in the Hillsborough compensation claim (report and leading article, April 11; letter, April 13).

If the six officers and the lawyers who acted for them had been at the Belsen Commemoration at the Imperial War Museum on April 12 they would have heard, as I did, eyewitness accounts from those who as young soldiers (including a former Archbishop of Canterbury) witnessed sights for which neither they, nor the world at large, would have believed possible.

No counselling for them, no suing for post-traumatic stress disorder. Like Housman's mercenaries, "What God abandoned, these defended, and saved the sum of things for pay" — and they were no mercenaries.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HORSEY,
The Old Manor,
Ashley, Stockbridge, Hampshire.
April 14.

One in the eye

From Mr Brian Taylor

Sir, At a recent wartime Royal Air Force squadron reunion, the first I have attended, someone came up to me and said, "My God, Harold, you haven't changed a bit".

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN TAYLOR,
Ward House, Walkhampton,
Yelverton, Devon.
April 17.

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A uniform for the go-ahead solicitor

From Mr C. M. F. Langdon

Sir, The Lord Chancellor has decided that solicitors may not wear wigs in court (News in Brief, April 12). The Law Society needs now to accept that decision and recognise that solicitors have no real affinity with wigs. Their existing court dress (even with the addition of a wig) is drab and does little to enhance the professional image of solicitors.

What the Law Society needs to do is to seek to replace the existing court dress for solicitors with a cracking new uniform that would put barristers' gowns and wigs in the shade which their old-fashioned image requires. The Law Society should encourage a positive debate for a replacement court dress and then initiate a competition to select the best and most appropriate.

If the exercise is properly carried out, the Lord Chancellor would be unlikely to resist the compelling pressure for an improvement in the sartorial presentation of solicitor advocates.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LANGDON,
68 Albany Court, Robertson Terrace,
Hastings, East Sussex.
April 12.

Memorial trees

From Mr David Childs

Sir, It was with some sorrow I read about the decision to fell the avenue of maple trees planted at Bramshott, Hampshire, as a memorial to Canadian war dead (report, later editions, April 6).

In November the Prime Minister launched an appeal to create a national memorial arboretum in Staffordshire which is to be a living tribute to the wartime generations of the century (letter, November 14, 1994). Organisations, associations and individuals are being encouraged to donate commemorative trees for planting at the site, which has been gifted in perpetuity by Redland plc. It will therefore become a place where visitors will be able to give thanks to all those who gave so much to secure our future.

We would obviously welcome the opportunity, should it be necessary, for re-establishing this fine memorial to all the Canadians who gave their lives by planting a grove of maples within the arboretum. Amongst the trees planted could be ones propagated from those being felled.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CHILDS (Appeal Director),
The National Memorial
Arboretum Appeal,
Europa House,
13-17 Ironmonger Row, EC1.

Crêche value

From the Headmaster of Chetham's School of Music

Sir, I am saddened to read that Beryl Goldsmith does not support the notion of a crêche at Westminster (Diary, April 13). Recently a talented teacher accepted an invitation to join the staff at this school only because a crêche will be available. Without such provision we could have lost someone's special talents.

The health and prosperity of all institutions, including Westminster, may one day be judged on the quality of their mangers rather than their managers.

Yours faithfully,
PETER F. HULLAH,
The Headmaster's House,
Chetham's School of Music,
Long Millgate, Manchester.
April 13.

TV arts quality

From Mr Stephen Phillips

Sir, Your report (April 12) on the Independent Television Commission's performance reviews of ITV companies said: "Meridian: documentaries praised but arts sector disappointing".

In fact, referring to *The Pier*, which accounts for 80 per cent of the arts output, the review said the ITC's consultative council "was impressed by the quality of this programme, but disappointed in the revised scheduling".

Meridian has already addressed the issue of giving it a more popular time-slot.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN PHILLIPS
(Series Editor), *The Pier*,
Antelope South, Olivier House,
18 Marine Parade, Brighton, Sussex.
April 13.

In vino veritas

From Mr Anthony Davies

Sir, Mr John Ullman's dilemma (letter, April 18) — whether to serve his wedding guests the vintage or non-vintage champagne first — is simply resolved if he follows a 2,000-year-old precedent. When Christ turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John ii, 10) the "ruler of the feast" was astonished that their host had kept the best wine to the end.

Even then, it appears, it was customary to serve the finest wine first.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. T. DAVIES,
Cape Cottage, Lower Woodford,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
April 19.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 19: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning opened the Glaxo Wellcome Medicines Research Centre, near Stevenage, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon), Sir Richard Sykes (Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive), Sir Colin Corness (Non-executive Chairman) and the Mayor of Stevenage (Councillor R. Smith).

Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque before touring the centre with His Royal Highness, escorted respectively by Sir Richard Sykes and Sir Colin Corness.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, subsequently honoured the Deputy Chairman with her presence at Luncheon.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of Cambridge, this afternoon opened The Queen's Building, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden), the Vice Chancellor and Visitor, University of Cambridge (Sir David Williams) and the Master, Emmanuel College (the Lord St John of Fawsley).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and afterwards, with The Duke of Edinburgh, met members of the Middle and Junior Common Rooms.

After attending a short musical performance in the Chapel Her Majesty and His Royal Highness met Fellows, their wives and other guests at a Reception.

The Lady Farnham, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a Dinner for the Berkshire Community Trust at Frogmore House, Windsor Park.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 19: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, this morning visited Her Majesty's Prison Inverness, Porterfield, Inverness, and was received by the Lord Gray of Contin (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness-shire). Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Children in Cities "Time and Tide" Reception at the Queen's House, Greenwich, London SE10.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 19: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, this morning received Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Parker upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 3 Regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel John Greenhalgh upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, afterwards received Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Lawless upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 9 Regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Walch upon assuming the appointment.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, subsequently received Lieutenant Colonel Robert Kershaw upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Malkin upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, Duke of Cornwall, this afternoon received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, later chaired a meeting of the Court of Advisors at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception for Anne, Duchess of Westminster, at St James's Palace.

YORK HOUSE
April 19: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Rolls-Royce Aerospace Group, Moor Lane, Derby, Derbyshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Mr John Bather).

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended a luncheon hosted by the South Australian Country Women's Association Incorporated and the Royal District Nursing Service of South Australia Incorporated, the Country Women's Association, Adelaide.

The Duchess of Kent later visited the Tandanya Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a State Dinner hosted by the Premier of South Australia, the Hyatt Regency Adelaide Hotel, Adelaide.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 19: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened Jubilee House, the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund Rehabilitation and Therapy Centre at Eamont Bridge, Penrith, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cumbria (Mr James Cropper).

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will re-open Peascod Street, Windsor, at noon; and accept the Freedom of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at followed by luncheon at the Guildhall at 1.10.

The Prince of Wales as Patron of The Prince's Trust, will open the new Scotstoun Leisure Centre, Danes Drive, Glasgow, at 10.10 and will meet representatives from The Prince's Trust Volunteers; will visit the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, 73 Carlton Place, Glasgow, at 11.30; will visit Coca-Cola and Schweppes Beverages, East Kilbride, at 1.40, and will visit the Provision Distribution Centre, No 1 Warehouse, Byresknowe Lane, Carfin, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, at 3.15 to open the latest distribution centre in the provision scheme run by the Institute of Grocery Distribution.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will deliver an opening address and preside at the morning session of the Welfare Symposium of the Foot at the Royal Society at 10.00; and as Patron of the Cranfield Trust, will attend a guest lecture, Transferring Expertise from Industry to Charities, followed by a buffet supper at the School of Management, Cranfield University, Bedfordshire, at 6.05.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will open Hozelock Group, Midpoint Park, Minworth, Birmingham, at 10.55; and will open a new Cuxson-Gerrard and Company factory at 125 Broadwell Road, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands, at 2.45.

Princess Alexandra, as Patron of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall at 7.15.

Luncheon

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the Carlton Club in honour of the Ambassador of Estonia.

School news

Beaudesert Park
The Summer Term begins today and ends with Speech Day on July 12. There will be a reunion of Old Beaudesertians on Sunday, May 14 prior to the retirement of Mr and Mrs John Keyte. Please telephone 01453 832072 for details.

Bromsgrove School
School convenes today for the Summer Term. The Summer Concert will be held on Thursday, May 18. *Time and the Conways* will be performed in the drama studio on Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5. Term ends with Commemoration Day on Saturday, July 1.

Kimbolton School
Term started yesterday and ends on July 6. Speech Day is on May 27, when Baroness Blatch will present the Prizes. This will be followed by the opening of the new Art Centre. Old Kimboltonians' Day is June 24. *The Importance of Being Earnest* will be staged on June 29, 30 and July 1.

The King's School, Ely
The Summer Term began yesterday. Old Eleans are warmly invited to the School on Saturday, April 22, for the Annual Gathering. There will be a Prep-Schools' Wind Band Day on Thursday, May 4, and the School Concert will take place in the University Music Faculty Hall, West Road, Cambridge on Thursday, May 18, at 7.00pm. The Industry Conference will be held on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. The Acremont House Festival of Thanksgiving and the Junior School Prizegiving will take place in the Cathedral during the morning of Friday, July 7; the Senior School Prizegiving and End of Year Service will begin at 2.00pm, the Guest of Honour being the Rev William M. Brown, Headmaster of the King's School between 1947 and 1955.

Rugby School
The Trinity Term begins today at Rugby School. The Bi-centenary of the birth of Dr Thomas Arnold is on June 13. A special exhibition celebrating his life will open in the new gallery of the School Museum on May 27. James Lloyd (Town House) is Captain of Cricket, Rosalind Atkinson (Bradley House) is Captain of Girls' Tennis, and Ryan Wilson (Cotton House) and Gerry Nosowska (Bradley House) are Captains of Athletics. The Careers Convention will be held on April 22. Fauré's *Requiem* will be sung in the Temple Speech Room on May 5. O.R. Day is May 13. Brigadier Guy deV.W. Hayes, CBE, will carry out the CCF Annual Inspection on May 18. Sports Day is on May 26 followed by Speech Day on May 27. Performances of *The Diary of Anne Frank* on June 7 to 10 in the Macready Theatre will mark the 50th anniversary of her death. The Latin play will be staged on June 15 and 16. The first Rugby School Festival of the Creative Arts will take place from July 2 to 8. Term ends on July 8, when the Cricket XI take on the Lord's Taverners.

Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, Bt

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, Bt, DSO, MC, will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 1995 at noon at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, SW1.

People and Places

Mr Hugo Vickers delivered an illustrated lecture on Cecil Beaton, his life and work, at a soirée in the People and Places series held last night at Sotheby's, New Bond Street, in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital's Children's appeal. Mrs Iris Banham-Lee, president, was in the chair.

ADRIAN BROOKS

The Queen inspects a tree she planted 11 years ago to mark the quatercentenary of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in front of *The Queen's Building* which she opened yesterday. She is accompanied by Lord St John of Fawsley, Master of the college. The Queen's Building was designed by Sir Michael and Lady Hopkins, designers of the new Glyndebourne Opera House

Emmanuel College, Cambridge

On Wednesday, April 19, 1995, Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, honoured the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel College by visiting the College and opening the new building designed by Sir Michael and Lady Hopkins. Her Majesty was received by the Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, Mr James Crowden; The Vice-Chancellor of the University and visitor of Emmanuel, Sir David Williams; and the Master, Lord St John of Fawsley. Among those present were the Ambassador of France, M Jean Gueguinou; The Ambassador of the Argentine, Mr Rogelio Pfirter, and Mrs Pfirter; Heads of Houses of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge; the Duke and Duchess of Grafton; The Lord Bishop of Peterborough; Lady Butler; Lady Williams; Sir Michael and Lady Hopkins; Ms Wendy Taylor; the President of the College's Development Campaign, Mr W.G. Salisbury, and Members of the Committee of Honour; Honorary Fellows, Honorary Members, and Junior Members of the College.

Appointment

Mr Derek Rowland Halbert to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Memorial services

Lord Taylor of Hadfield
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr A.E. Shaw at a memorial service for Lord Taylor of Hadfield, Life President of the Taylor Woodrow Group, held yesterday at St Martin-in-the Fields. The Rev Bernhard Schunemann officiated. Mr Robin Marlar and Mr Brian S.L. Trafford (sons-in-law) read the lessons. Mr David Melville (son-in-law), Mr C.J. Parsons, Chairman of Taylor Woodrow, Mr H.A. Palmer, chief executive, and Mrs Ruth Barber, Taylor Woodrow Group, gave addresses. Among others present were:

Lady Taylor of Hadfield (widow), the Hon Mrs David Melville, the Hon Mrs Robin Marlar and the Hon Mrs Brian S L Trafford (daughters), Mr and Mrs M Horsburgh, Mr and Mrs A Kimmins, Mr and Mrs M Kimmins, Mr and Mrs P Lennon, Viscount and Viscountess Melgund, Sir James and Lady Scott and Mr and Mrs D Trafford (grandchildren).

Lord Boardman, Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Lord King of Wartnaby, Lord Renwick, Lord Vinson, the Hon Mrs Robins, Lady Samuel, the Dowager Lady Scott, Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, Dame Anne Bryans, Sir Clifford and Lady Chetwood, Sir Alan and Lady Cox, Lady (Patrick) Dean, Sir Alexander Durie, Sir Basil Feldman, Sir Frank and Lady Gibb, Sir Christopher Harding (BET), Sir Brian Hill (Higgs & Hill), Sir Henry Phillips, Sir Neil Shields, Sir Peter and Lady Trench.

Mr B Abrahams, Mr B Ainscow, Mr R C Balfour, Mr J Ballester, Mr C Betts, Mr J Bevan, Mr G Borwell, Mr R Broadhead, Mr M Burns, Mrs V Butler, Mr and Mrs A Davidson, Mr G Davies, Mr P P Davies, Dr J A T Edmonds, Mr F W Edwards, Mr P Ford, Air Vice-Marshal E L Frith, Mr D Gaulter, Mr and Mrs C J Gorringe, Mr M E Green, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mrs R Haslam, Mr D R Heesman, Mr M J Hinge, Mr S Holmes, Mr and Mrs E James, Mr and Mrs T Jones, Mr D Jones, Mr M Laycock, Mr I M McAlpine, Mr M McAlpine, Mr M McKenna, Miss Pat Malley, Mr and Mrs J More-Molyneux, Mr R I Morbey, Mrs M Norton, Mr B Palmer, Mrs H A Palmer, Mrs C J Parsons, Mr and Mrs R G Puttick, Mr B C Russell, Mr J O Saunders, Mr and Mrs R G Smith, Mr and Mrs R Subba Row, Mr D Taylor, Mr G A Topping, Mr R K Westmacott, Mr K Wilde.

Mr M Anderson (AIG Europe, UK), Mr J Bryden (Gardiner & Theobald), Mr S Casement (Greig, Middleton), Mr P Costain (Costain Group), Mr R S Dobson (Institute of Civil Engineers), Mr R F Erith (Swiss Bank Corporation), Mr J Fleming (Hambros Trust Company), Mr W Hassell (Government of Western Australia), Mr R O Hudson (Royal Insurance Global), Mr M Ivens (Aims of Industry), Mr G T King (Widnell), Mr C Laing (John Laing), Mr J F Plumb (De La Rue), Mr A C E Sandberg (Messers Sandberg), Mr J Taylor (Chapman Taylor Partners), Mr E Tracey (Touche Ross), Mr C Walker and Mr R Webb (Hamlyn Stowe), Mr B Wilson (Standard Life) and other past and present members of the Taylor Woodrow Group.

Mr Richard Kettlewell
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Richard Wildman Kettlewell, former director of agriculture and member of the legislative and executive councils of Nyasaland, was held yesterday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Chipping Norton. The Rev Tom Curtis officiated, assisted by the Rev Joy Porter. Ms Alison Cook, daughter, read from Anthony Trollope's *The Warden* and Mr Michael Kettlewell, son, read *Sermons in Stones*, an article written by his father for *The Countryman* in 1963. The Rev Tom Curtis also gave an address.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.A. Cowgill and Dr A.F. McCrae
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Brigadier and Mrs Anthony Cowgill, of Sheepscombe, Gloucestershire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander McCrae, of Strathpeffer, Ross-shire.

Mr G.R. Dealtry and Miss N.M. Turnbull
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs M.G. Dealtry, of Riehen, Switzerland, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Turnbull, of Silverdale, Lancashire.

Mr P.E.G. de Soissons and Miss S.L.E. Ford
The engagement is announced between Peter Edward, third son of Mr Brian and the late Mrs de Soissons, of Swafield Hall, Norfolk, and Susan, second daughter of Mr Michael Buckler and Mrs Ann Ford, and stepdaughter of Mr Nicholas Ford, of Surrey.

Mr T.G. Gittos and Mlle G.M. Ducoin
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Gittos, of Nastend, Gloucestershire, and Géraldine, daughter of M and Mme Michel Ducoin, of 45 Avenue Victor Hugo, Paris XVI.

Mr J.S.G. Hales and Miss S.A. de Rougemont
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Philip Hales, of Ashwell, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Mary Elizabeth Hales, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Sarah, daughter of Mr Peter de Rougemont, of Alderney, Channel Islands and the late Mrs Penelope de Rougemont.

Mr N.G.G. Henderson and Srta M. Venegas Guerrero
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Henderson, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Margarita, eldest daughter of Sr and Sra Gabriel Venegas Albertus, of Salobreña, Granada, Spain.

Mr A.E.J. Lewis and Miss L. Catterall
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Lewis, of Godalming, Surrey, and Linda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Catterall, of Culcheth, Cheshire.

Mr P.T.W. Mackie and Miss E.L. Forde
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Denis Mackie, of Lissanoure, Co. Antrim, and Emily, daughter of Mr Patrick and Lady Anthea Forde, of Seaforde, Co. Down

Captain R.J. Pulvertaft, RM, and Ms S.V.K. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Rear Admiral and Mrs David Pulvertaft, of Trusham, Devon, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mrs Judith Lower, of Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire.

Mr H.W. Herrington and Miss A.M. Walker
The engagement is announced between Hugh William, only son of Mr and Mrs H.R. Herrington, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Anna Margaret, younger daughter of Mr W.G. Walker, CBE, and the late Mrs E. Walker, and step-daughter to Her Honour Judge M. Norrie-Walker, of Albourne, West Sussex.

Dr C.S. Smith, MD, and Miss A.M. McLintic
The engagement is announced between Christopher Smith, of Troy, North Carolina, son of Mrs Rayburn Smith, of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania and the late Rayburn Clark Smith Jnr, and Anne McLintic, of Dollar, daughter of the late Francis John and Dorothy McLintic.

Mr G. Spurr and Miss M.J. Russell
The engagement is announced between Guy, youngest son of Mrs Dora Spurr and the late Mr Thomas Spurr, of Felpham, and Tilly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Russell, of Edinburgh.

Mr I.H. Stent and Miss K.M. Ellis
The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Mark Stent, of Avington, Hampshire, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Ellis, of Long Sutton, Somerset.

Mr R.T.M. Weir and Miss R. Robert-Blunn
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Neil Weir, FRCS, of Seale, Farnham, Surrey, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr John Robert-Blunn, of Stockport, Cheshire and Mrs F.M. Craven, of Congleton, Cheshire.

Mr M.J. Winterbottom and Miss C.L. Bassett
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mrs Anne Blunn, of Chilbolton, Hampshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr John Bassett and Mrs Jean Bassett, of London.

Mr M.A. Wonnacott and Miss C.E. Brown
The engagement is announced between Mark Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wonnacott, of Kings Worthy, Hampshire, and Camilla Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Gordon Brown, of Ewell, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr A.C. Westgate and Miss S. Bristow
The marriage took place on Friday, April 7, 1995, in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, of Alistair Colin Westgate, elder son of Mr and Mrs Russell Westgate, of Eaton Place, London, SW1, and Suzanne Bristow, eldest daughter of Mr John Crosby and Mrs Jenny Crosby, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Birthdays today

Viscount Allenby, 64; Mr Alan Beith, MP, 52; Professor D.W. Bowett, QC, former President, Queens' College, Cambridge, 68; Mr Ray Brooks, actor, 56; Sir Geoffrey Chipperfield, civil servant, 62; the Right Rev F.C. Darwent, former Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 68; Mr Richard de Lange, chairman and managing director, Philips Electronics UK, 50; Major-General Sir Charles Dunphie, 93; the Earl of Erroll, 47; Mr Sebastian Faulks, author, 42; Professor Francis Fish, former Dean, School of Pharmacy, London University, 71; Mr Graeme Fowler, cricketer, 38; Sir Arnold France, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 84; Mr John Eliot Gardiner, conductor, 52; Mr Mauricio Gugelmin, racing driver, 32; Mr Jerry Hayes, MP, 42; Mr Giles Henderson, senior partner, Slaughter and May, 53; Mr Andrew Jaspan, Editor, *The Observer*, 43; Sir Antony Jay, scriptwriter and producer, 65; Sir Eddie Kulukundis, theatrical producer, 63; Miss Jessica Lange, actress, 46; Mr Nicholas Lyndhurst, actor, 34; Mr Leslie Phillips, actor, 71; Mr Eric Pickles, MP, 43; Sir Hilton Poynton, civil servant, 90; Sir John Quicke, agriculturist, 73; Mr R.D.W. Rhodes, Headmaster, Rossall School, Lancashire, 53; Mr Christopher Robinson, organist, 59; Mr R.J. Smith, former chairman, Trimoco, 56; Miss Jean Southworth, QC, 69; Mr Gerald Steinberg, MP, 50; Mr Luther Vandross, singer, 44; Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford, 73; Mr Henry Wrong, former director, Barbican Centre, 65.

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As a shepherd goes in search of his sheep when his flock is scattered from him in every direction, so I shall go in search of my sheep and rescue them.
Ezekiel 34 : 12 (REB)

BIRTHS

ANSTEY - On April 17th at Royal Hampshire County Hospital, to Lindy and Henry, a daughter, Mollie, a sister for Sophie and Henry.

ASHTON - On April 17th, to Emma and Henry, a daughter, Flora Juliet, a sister for Harriet and Isabel.

BAIN - On 18th April 1995, to Margaret (née Campbell) and Christopher, a third son, Angus.

CARTER - On April 6th, to Amanda (née Mackintosh) and Noland, twins, Tom and Jack, two brothers for Isobel.

CHESLAW - On April 8th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola Glucksmann and L. Paul an expressive son Louis David Wohlgemuth. Thanks Churchill Clinic.

COILEY - On 14th April, to Claire (née Woodrow) and David, a lovely son, George Henry Bertram.

COURAGE - On April 14th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, to Alexandra and Christopher, a daughter, Beatrice Millicent, a sister for Edward.

DARTMOUTH - On 12th April, at 6.60 pm, to Katherine (née Stuart) and Matthew, a daughter, Carys Mary, a lovely sister for John.

DAVIS - On 18th April, to Jane (née Povey) and Adrian, a daughter, Rachel Hannah.

FREARSON - On April 6th 1995, to Jessica (née Allan) and Karl, a son Harry Alastair, a brother for Emily.

FREEMAN-ATTWOOD - On April 13th, to Henrietta (née Parnam) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas.

GOLDIE-MORRISON - On 17th April 1995 in Los Angeles, to Julie (née Hatch) and Angus, a daughter, Heather Frances Monsen.

HODGSON - On 5th April, in Wiesbaden, to Petra and Stephen, a son, Nicolas Alexander Vere.

JADERBERG - On April 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Lorrae (née Quest) and Magnus, twins - Benjamin and Suzanne, a brother and sister for Max and Harry.

BIRTHS

KEEGAN - On April 18th, at The Warwick Hospital, to Sally (née Woodburn) and Nicholas, a daughter, Caroline Vivien, a sister for Louise.

O'KEEFFE - On 4th April at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Alison (née Peplow) and Jeremiah, a daughter, Natasha Georgina, a sister for Casper.

PACKHAM-BROWN - On 18th April at Weston General Hospital Ross Stephen a son to Lee and Fiona, a brother for Christopher and Ruth.

PARKER - On April 19th 1995, to Andrew (Max) and Gillian (née Owen), a beautiful daughter, Alice Rose. Thanks to All at Queen Charlotte's.

RAUSING - On April 12th, at The Portland Hospital, to Eva (née Kemeny) and Hans K., a beautiful baby girl, Lucy Matilda.

REGAN - On 28th March, to Victoria (née Waltner) and Douglas, a daughter, Julia Danielle.

SNEDDON - On April 8th, to Frances (née Pool) and James, a daughter, Georgina Mary, a sister for Arabella.

STOW - On April 13th, to Robin and Ann (née Tindall), a lovely daughter, Genevieve Claudia Grace, a sister for Jack.

THOMPSON - On 12th April, to Vanessa and Ian, a daughter, Claudia Elisabeth Jane, a sister for Louis.

TIDSWELL - On 18th April 1995, at The Countess of Chester Hospital, to Chris and Belinda, a beautiful daughter Elizabeth, a sister for Amye.

WARNER - On 15th April, to Penelope and Philip, a daughter, Isabella.

WHELAN-SMITH - On April 8th 1995 at Leighton, Cheshire, a beautiful baby boy, Christian Aaron, to Grenville and Catherine, a brother to Anastasia Nalad.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - (C. Jennifer). On Easter Sunday April 16th 1995 after a courageous battle against cancer, passed away peacefully in her sleep aged 55 years. Beloved wife of David and mother of Duncan and Lucy. Elder daughter of Agnes and the late Stephen Browne of Stretford. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only please, donations in her memory to either St Ann's Hospice or Oxfam. Service at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on Monday April 24th at 11.30 am prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium at 12.30 pm. All our friends and acquaintances are welcome. "Always look on the Bright side of Life". Enquiries to Ben Lloyd (F.D.) Ltd., tel: (0161) 485-3136 or Poynton 872717.

BARNARD - On 14th April 1995, suddenly, after a short illness in hospital, Captain Sir George Edward Barnard FRSA FNI, of Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire. Dearly loved father of Colin and grandfather of Jilly. Service at St Lawrence the Martyr, High Street, Abbots Langley, on Monday 24th April at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at West Herts Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, for NSPCC, Salvation Army or Friends of the Earth, c/o M.K. Ginder, Funeral Directors, 51 High Street, Abbots Langley, tel: (01923) 269994. Please remember him in your prayers, and as you knew him.

BOWER - On April 17th 1995 at The Churchill Hospital, after a long illness against Parkinson's Disease, Cedric Bower, former Headmaster of King Alfred's School, Wantage. Mourned by his family. Funeral Service at St Giles Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford, on Friday April 21st at 10 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Parkinson's Disease Society. Those who knew him know how great our loss.

DEATHS

CHANEY - On April 14th peacefully in The Lane-Fox Unit, St Thomas' Hospital, London, Gwyneth Mary (Bunny) aged 70 of Lyme Regis, Dorset. Cremation private. Memorial Service at Lyme Regis Parish Church on May 17th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The Special Trustees, St Thomas' Hospital c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 7A Silver Street, Lyme Regis.

CLIFFORD-TURNER - Raymond, on April 18th 1995, aged 89, peacefully at his London home after a brave battle against ill health. Adored husband of Diana and dearest husband for fifty years of the late Zoë. Much loved father of Susan, Sarah and Charles and stepfather of Henrietta and Alexander. Devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral private.

COMMANDER RICHARD POOL

Commander Richard Pool, DSC, naval officer and author, died on April 1 aged 75. He was born on September 8, 1919.

IN HIS dispassionate, understated memoir, *Course for Disaster*, published in 1987, Richard Pool told a tale of fortitude and endurance which was perhaps characteristic of not a few serving men who do not feature in the "official" annals of the Second World War. The book's subtitle, *From Scapa Flow to the River Kwai*, sums up a career which took Pool from the very first wartime convoys, through some hazardous rescue voyages in the Dunkirk evacuation, to the battlecruiser *Repulse* and the Royal Navy's terrible nemesis in the Far East in December 1941.

He was among those fortunate enough to survive the sinking of the *Repulse*, but this was not to be the end of his war effort. He was engaged in commando counter-offensive operations right up to the eve of the fall of Singapore. Finally, escaping in a party from Singapore, only a jump ahead of the Japanese, he and his group were to suffer three months of privation on a small, disease-infested island before getting away in a makeshift sailing craft — only to fall into the hands of the Japanese. Forced labour on the Burma Railway was the lot of those who survived, for the rest of their war.

Richard Pool grew up in Felixstowe, Suffolk, and learnt to sail on the rivers Orwell and Deben. He was educated at Pangbourne Nautical College from which he entered the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1937. At the outbreak of war he was serving in the battleship *Revenge*, one of whose duties was to carry to America the first shipment of British gold bullion to pay for arms procurement.

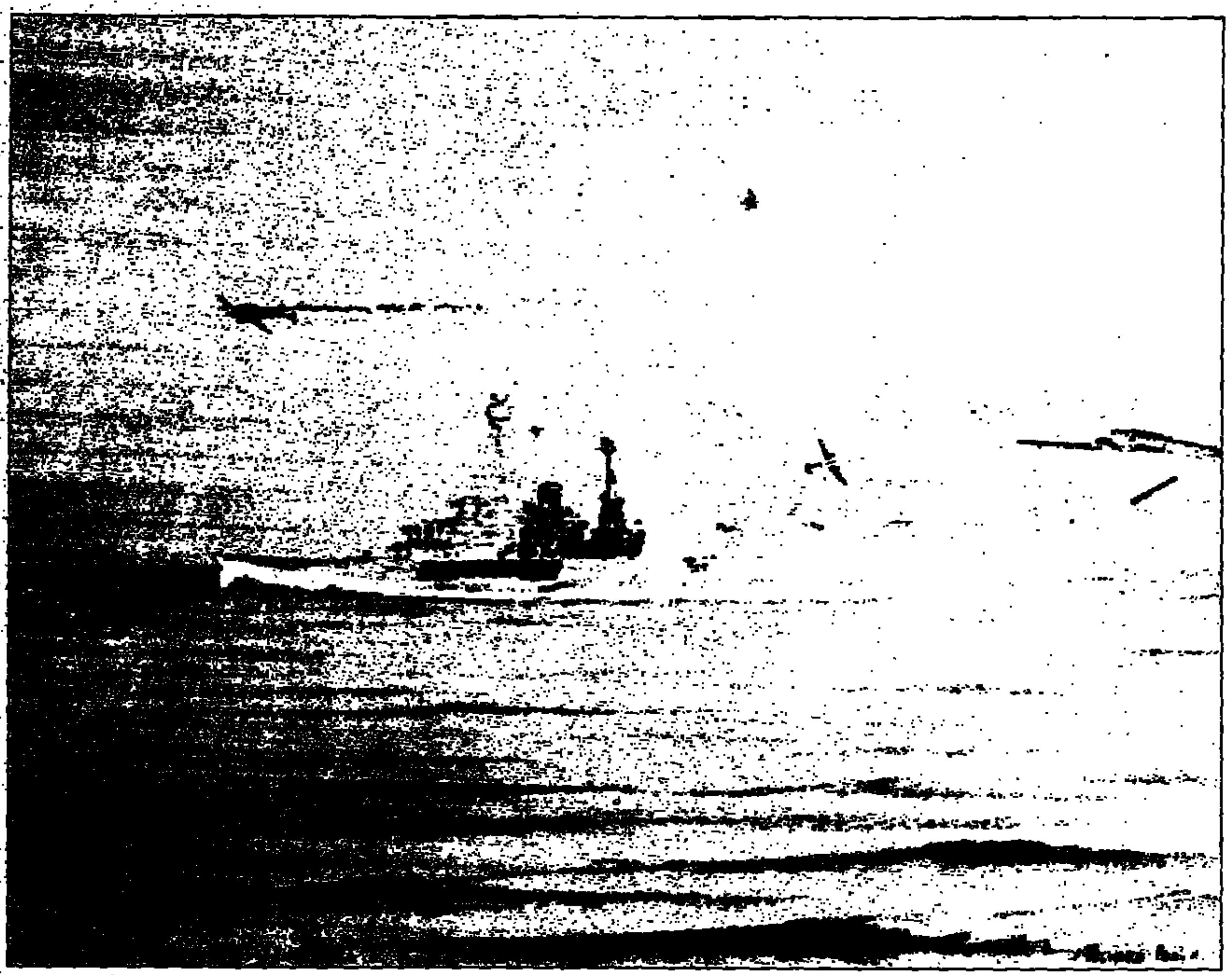
In May 1940 he was one of a number of very junior officers suddenly ordered to Sheerness and put in charge of one of the craft which made up the motley flotilla assembled to help in the Dunkirk evacuation. Dodging enemy E-boats and Stukas, Pool made his first cross-Channel trip in an old Thames water barge. In this he brought off a party of French Senegalese troops from the beaches and got them safely back to Ramsgate after a hazardous voyage conducted at the barge's maximum speed of five knots.

His second trip, in a War Department target-towing launch, *Marlborough*, was scarcely less risky, though the launch could at least make 20 knots. On one occasion two French torpedo boats, thinking *Marlborough* was an E-boat, threatened to open fire. This hazard was no sooner behind him than seven Stukas launched dive-bombing attacks which Pool countered using *Marlborough*'s sole Lewis gun. In several further round trips *Marlborough* evacuated more French troops, only escaping from Dunkirk by the skin of her teeth on her last rescue attempt on June 3. Blockships were being sunk in the harbour as she squeezed through the gap between them and the jetty, and sped out into the open sea at full throttle.

The defeat of France gave rise to a new and dangerous problem whose solution caused great bitterness between Britain and her beaten ally. In July Pool was ordered to Portsmouth with a party of armed officers, sailors and Royal Marines. Their task was to seize French warships which the British Government was desperately anxious to prevent being sailed to German-occupied France by their crews, many of whom were misguidedly loyal to the defeatist Pétain regime.

Leading five seamen as part of a group detailed to take over the large French torpedo boat, *La Flore*, Pool was able to surprise her crew and secure the vessel without greater injury than the abuse of the senior French naval officer who informed them that what they were doing was only to be expected of "perfide Albion". When Pool informed the French officer that Admiral Muselier, the senior Free French naval representative, had agreed to the operation, the Frenchman told him that both Muselier and General de Gaulle were "traitors".

In September 1940 Pool was sent as a sub-lieutenant to the battlecruiser *Repulse*, which in December the following year was ordered by Churchill to Far Eastern waters with the battleship *Prince of Wales* to counter the Japanese threat to Singapore. Pool was acting as fire distribution officer on an eight-barrelled 40mm pom-pom battery when, on the fateful morning of December 10, 1941, both ships were attacked by waves of Japanese aircraft. For the next hour-and-a-half, as *Repulse* at first manoeuvred successfully to avoid countless bombs and torpedoes and then finally succumbed to overwhelming blows, Pool directed fire against enemy aircraft at what was, in anti-aircraft terms, pointblank range.



Pool and his watercolour painting of the battlecruiser *Repulse* under attack in December 1941

In *Course for Disaster* he vividly described the mesmerising sensation of watching torpedoes splash into the sea and begin tracking towards the violently heeling ship. After one particular torpedo hit, he recorded: "The ship seemed to stagger in her stride and I instinctively knew that this was the end, that *Repulse* was doomed." As the battlecruiser capsized, Pool walked down the now horizontal ship's side and jumped off the bilge keel into the water. As he swam away, 60 feet of her bow reared up, gleaming in the rays of the tropical sun, before she slid to the bottom accompanied by explosions from her collapsing watertight compartments.

After half an hour Pool was rescued from the oily water by the destroyer *Electra*. With other oil-soaked and weary survivors he was taken to Singapore. But for survivors such as Pool there was to be no sojourn in hospital, repatriation and leisurely recuperation. The Japanese were advancing on Singapore island through the Malayan jungle with a speed that confounded all predictions; in the face of this onslaught British units were in precipitate retreat.

Pool immediately volunteered to help to put together a force of small patrol craft, the aim of which was to harry Japanese lines of communication by penetrating rivers and creeks. Despite a totally ossified supply organisation onshore which, despite the gravity of the emergency, demanded a plethora of paperwork for every requisition, Pool managed to assemble a small fleet of craft which throughout January 1942 landed Australian troops behind Japanese lines and carried out raiding patrols. For this work he was mentioned in dispatches.

Next, with the British Army withdrawn into Singapore Island itself, Pool won the DSC, commanding a small force of motor launches armed only with 3-pounder guns which roved the Singapore Strait engaging in the brave last-ditch attempts by the Navy to hamper the victorious Japanese progress.

Finally, on the inauspicious date Friday, February 13, with Singapore doomed, Pool embarked in one of the motor launches, *ML 310*, with a mixed party which included a rear-admiral and the AOC Far East, Air Vice-Marshal Pulford. Their goal was Java, still then held by the Dutch; but they were never to reach it. Harried by incessant Japanese air attacks and damaged below the waterline from frequent grounding on coral reefs in the shallow waters of the Straits, they eventually beached the launch on the island of Tjebia in the Tuju group 200 miles south of Singapore.

The island, first welcomed as a partial refuge from Japanese air and sea patrols which were ranging far and wide over the Java Sea, was soon to prove a hell on earth. There was little food to be had on Tjebia, the remnants of their own rations, turtles' eggs and a species of coarse, tasteless banana. It was infested by bugs, mosquitoes and other insects against which a constant battle had to be fought day and night. Malaria was rife; the slightest cut or contusion could fester and suppurate until it became life threatening; dysentery was a constant companion to all. Blisteringly hot days followed by nights of rain sapped the strength and the will to live.

Death soon began to thin the ranks of the fugitives. A naval commander was one of the first to die and Pool, in spite of a severe hand injury, took over organising the party's daily life. The air vice-marshal was another early casualty, falling into a coma one day and dying the next. Pool tried to insist that everyone got up in the morning and carried out some routine, however elementary, simply to help them to keep going; but often the sick simply lay where they were and expired. The reading of the burial service over shallow graves became a frequent occurrence.

In April the rear-admiral died. Apparently healthy, he had collapsed one afternoon and was dead by early evening. Pool had already decided that the only salvation lay in getting off Tjebia. With a party of the like-minded (others felt they should grow seeds and become self-sufficient where they were) he had for some weeks been repairing a damaged *prahu*, a small native sailing craft. On May 15 this was ready and Pool and several others set sail from Tjebia to try to find help for those on the island. Clearly, even falling into Japanese hands could be no worse than waiting for certain death. Two days later they made a landfall at Daboe in the Singkep Islands where they were eventually captured by the Japanese whom they asked to rescue those left behind on the island. Of the 44 men who landed on Tjebia, 18 died and are buried there.

Returned to Singapore where he spent a period in the notorious Changi jail, Pool was later sent to work on the Burma-Siam Railway. Though suffering from extended bouts of amoebic dysentery, he actually found the rigours of this no worse than the privations of Tjebia. News of the war, which began to go badly for the Japanese, provided some relief; and there were reunions with comrades from earlier phases of the war.

At last, on August 16, 1945, it was all over for Pool and his fellow prisoners at their camp on the River Kwai Noi. Japan had surrendered and they were free. Flown by Dakota to Burma, the survivors were given a checkup before embarking at Rangoon in a troopship for home. On a beautiful October day in 1945, Pool finally came ashore in Liverpool, four years after he had left Britain.

Later that year Pool was invested with his DSC and after the war continued his naval career. He passed through the staff college in 1950 and had command of two frigates, being promoted to commander in 1954.

He retired from the Navy in 1958 and took up fruit farming in Sussex, remaining in harness virtually to the end. He is survived by his wife Susan, by their son and two daughters, and by a daughter of a previous marriage.

DOUGLAS GREGOR

Douglas Gregor, linguist, died in Northampton on March 26 aged 86. He was born in Swansea on February 6, 1909.

"ITALIANS are bilingual, and their second language is Italian." So began an early work by Douglas Gregor who devoted a lifetime to the study of the dialects and minority languages of northern Italy, besides those of other European countries. He was fluent in at least twenty languages.

A passionate supporter of languages threatened with extinction, he felt strongly that dialects were languages themselves, containing treasures which deserved to be more widely known. He was courted (unsuccessfully) by separatist movements, but his own priorities were the survival and use of minority languages in education, literature and communication. He had no time for the trends of theoretical linguistics, which perhaps explains why his work has yet to receive due recognition in university and similar circles.

Gregor was probably the last surviving speaker of the six Celtic languages (Breton, Cornish, Irish, Manx, Scots Gaelic and Welsh) and provided the Bodleian Library with the Cornish and Manx translations of the Bodleian Promise. He had learnt Irish at Falls Road High School, Belfast, during the war and when the ship taking him to Algeria was torpedoed his first thought was to go below to save his Irish-language magazine. It survived the war in his kitbag.

Douglas Bartlett Gregor attended Monkton Combe School and Exeter College, Oxford, where he just missed a first in Greats. After teaching Classics and modern languages at Wellington School he left for France in 1939 to acquire academic qualifications in modern languages and "to become quadrilingual"; he had just started at Besançon University when war intervened.

The war years saw a blossoming of his linguistic skills. Having joined the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, he soon found himself in the Intelligence Corps, serving in French North Africa and Italy as an interrogator and interpreter in German and Italian; a liaison officer in French and Polish; a translator of Modern Greek and Slovene documents; and as unofficial censor in Welsh and Irish. He was twice mentioned in dispatches. In Italy he met his wife, Graziella — they were married in Ravenna in 1948 — and compiled the first dictionary of Friulan, the language of the extreme northeast of Italy.

After the war, he taught Classics and modern languages at Northampton Grammar School until his retirement in 1969, publishing numerous articles on classical problems. His intellectual curiosity and rigour set standards which were an inspiration to his pupils. His meticulous notes, with cross-references to authors as different as Tasso and Dafydd ap Gwilym, were particularly appreciated by those trying for Oxbridge.

He also extended an involvement in Esperanto begun at 13. He became one of the leading Esperantists of his time and was a conscientious editor of *Brita Esperantisto* and *Biblia Revuo*. His translations into Esperanto of Sophocles's *Oedipus Tyrannus* and *Antigone* were published to much acclaim.

But it was in retirement that he produced his major works, all with the encouragement of the small publisher Oleander Press. *Romagnol: Language and Literature* (1972) was the first English language grammar of that north Apennine language and included an anthology of poems and prose with translations. Similar was *Friulan: Language and Literature* (1975), the publication of which led to the setting up of a Friulan study group in the United States, which used the book to teach the language to second generation immigrants from the Udine area.

Mad Nap: Pulon Matt (1976) also broke new ground. The 15th-century poetic masterpiece of the language of Romagna, this had never before been published even in Italian. It now appeared in the original Romagnol with translations in Italian and English.

Celtic: A Comparative Study (1980) was the first detailed comparison of the six Celtic languages and an impassioned plea for their preservation or revival. *Romontsch: Language and Literature* (1982) was an attempt to rally the Romontschers themselves to the defence of the fourth language of Switzerland.

Gregor had previously published *Stralci* (1968), an Italian reader, and *Verses and Versions* (1969), a collection of his own poems and translations which opened the door a little on a very private man.

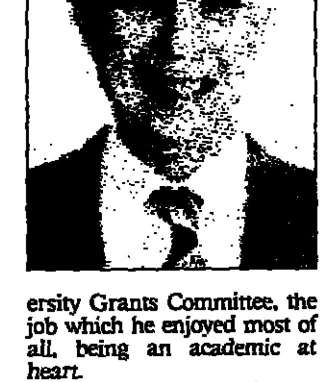
He found consolation for old age in Seneca and in news of the careers of his former pupils. He kept up many of his languages by helping the police and courts with interpreting.

He is survived by his wife, Graziella, who supported him in all his work, and by his daughter and son.

EDWARD MOSS

Edward Moss, Under-Secretary, University Grants Committee, 1971-78, died on April 1 aged 76. He was born May 18, 1918.

A THIRD generation diplomat, Ted Moss, after war service in the 50th Division in North Africa, joined the Diplomatic Service in 1945 and served in Tokyo, London, Belgrade, St Louis, Detroit and finally in the South-East Asia Department of the Foreign Office. There he and his wife decided against further diplomatic service for family reasons, and he transferred to the Home Civil Service, serving in the Ministry of Defence from 1960 to 1971, and finally in the Department of Education, where he ended his career as Under-Secretary to the University Grants Committee, the job which he enjoyed most of all, being an academic at heart.



Edward Herbert St George Moss was educated at Marlborough and Pembroke College, Cambridge. From his schooldays he showed a philosophic and poetic turn of mind and a deep interest in human nature. While in the Army he turned his hand to poetry; and an account of his experience was included in his division's history *In the Path of the 50th*. He was an agnostic when demobilised; but in Tokyo, while reflecting on his past with a view to marrying Shirley Basket (a former prisoner in the Shanghai concentration camp), he came to Christianity through, to use his words, his "conviction that the Christian faith was the only route to genuine freedom".

Thereafter the themes of truth, freedom and wholeness remained central to his life and thinking and were reflected in his subsequent writing.

After retirement he took a PhD in psychology at the University of Surrey and thereafter developed his Christian beliefs.

This led him with his wife to found the Emmaus Counselling Service, which now operates widely in the South East of England. At the same time Moss took a leading part in the life of Holy Trinity parish in Guildford and served in many of its lay posts.

He published *Seeing Man Whole* (1989), *Growing into Freedom* (1993) and *The Grammar of Consciousness* (1995). He jointly edited an anthology of the work of William Law under the title *Fire from a Flint* (1986).

Edward Moss is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter.

ON THIS DAY

April 20 1831

The article (on the poor in Ireland) had implied that Lord Limerick was not a man but one of those "things with human pretentions". Lawson, who presented a petition regretting his offence, spent two nights in custody and was fined £100.

[THE TIMES ARRAIGNED BEFORE THE LORDS]

Our printer was brought before the House of Lords last night, on account of the article in this journal of the 16th inst., in which Lord LIMERICK was spoken of in a manner which provoked the complaint. As soon as the question of privilege was touched by the house, strangers were obliged to withdraw, so that we have no account to offer of the proceedings but such as was gathered in desultory conversations after the house was up.

Lord LIMERICK having made his complaint, left the matter wholly to the house.

Mr. LAWSON being then called, was asked if he was the printer of *The Times*, and of course answered in the affirmative. Did he write the article in question: No.——Who did write it? The answer to this was obvious: he was a confidential agent, and would not betray the confidence which was reposed in him.——Was not such a gentleman the editor of *The Times*? There was the same objection to answer this question as the former. Mr. LAWSON was ordered to retire. When the subject was resumed, Lord WYNFORD proposed that the printer should be subjected to a fine of 100*l*., and committed to prison. This was opposed by the Lords LANSDOWNE and GREY, the LORD CHANCELLOR, and the Duke of WELLINGTON; and Mr. LAWSON, on the motion of Lord FARNHAM, was finally ordered into the custody of the Usher of the Black Rod.

Now, certainly, we have not the slightest objection to any part of this proceeding. And now, also, that the issue is certain, we will frankly acknowledge our regret that the observations appeared in offensive and improper terms: but for this we must plead the excuse which our printer pleaded at the bar——the distraction of our attention by a variety of important objects, and the hurry of composition.

But if we are content to bear the trouble consequent upon an unintentional error, far from content should we be if others were allowed to carry off the honour of those feelings of sympathy for the sufferings of Ireland which prompted in spirit the obnoxious article, and carried the expression of it to an undue length. We call ourselves the friends of Ireland, and know that we have been her benefactors to a degree to which no individual Irish Lord could serve her, even if he spent all the revenues of his estates in the country, and for its benefit. We do not now speak of the aid which we rendered on the question of the Catholic Emancipation, for the merits of that measure may still be contested by blindness and infatuation. None, we presume, will dispute the duties of humanity, or deny the obligation of relieving the distressed; and a few years ago, when no small portion of the Irish population was exposed to perish by famine, and many sunk under its pressure daily, we took up their cause. Our columns teemed with articles, into which we breathed all the force we were able, calling upon our countrymen to succour their dying neighbours by liberal subscriptions. We taxed the funds of our journal; individual members connected with the establishment taxed themselves, for the same benevolent purpose. The project succeeded; Ireland was relieved, and what is more, we have been assured that many landlords——some, too, with titles, and absentees——ultimately received their rents from those funds which were originally raised by our incitement to save the dying peasantry of their estates from absolute starvation! It was the same principle, and they were the same motives, which at this time prompted that article, however incautiously expressed, which has been made the subject of complaint in the British House of Peers.

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☐ THE County Hotel in Bedford, part of the *Queens Moat Houses chain, is running* a series of wildlife weekends hosted by experts and including visits to various wildlife habitats. From July 7-9 the theme is Summer Wildlife, *including* an evening *bat* walk. *At the Changing Seasons* weekend on September 22-24, bird migration is the subject. Cost is £110 per person for two nights including meals and excursions. Details: 01234 799955.

☐ PURFLEET and Oldham are the two latest Travel Inns to be opened by Whitbread, bringing its total of UK budget hotels to 70. The 30-room Purfleet Hotel *is located just off Junction 30/31 of the M25 and close to the* Lakeside Shopping Centre, Thurrock, Essex. The new 40-room Travel Inn at Chadderton, Oldham, is close to the M62 and convenient for attractions such as the Granada Studio *Tour in Manchester.* All rooms cost £34.50 a night for up to two adults and two children. Details from: 01582 414341.

☐ LONDON hotels are enjoying their best occupancy levels for a decade, according to a survey from *Pannell* Kerr Forster *Associates*, hotel consultants. Average *room* occupancy in the capital over the past 12 months was 81.2 per cent with business hotels achieving a higher level of 84.5 per cent.

● *The London Trends Survey, price £100, from Pannell Kerr Forster Associates, 78, Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA.*

☐ SUMMER savings of up to half normal rates are being offered by Copthorne Hotels at its 16 hotels in the UK and on the Continent. *Packages* include £99 *for two people for two nights at the new Copthorne Hotel at Merry Hill,* Dudley, over the two May Bank-Holiday weekends. This package includes dinner on one night, and the option of a third night for £15 a person extra. Details: 0800 414741.

☐ MARRIOTT Hotels *plans to convert a fifth of its total hotel rooms* into special accommodation for business travellers by the end of the year. It will incorporatea work station with modem jack mounted into the desk console, *moveable lights, and adjust*able chair among other features. The rooms will be developed under the curiously named "Room That Works" programme, and is based on research into the work *habits of more than* 1,000 *frequent* business travellers.

Marriott has also teamed up with British Airways to offer Air Miles for business travellers. Under the Marriott Miles programme, BA Executive Club members get a *bonus* 250 *Air Miles every fifth time they* stay in a Marriott Hotel on top of the 50 Air Miles awarded for every stay. Details: 0500 720 720.

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BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

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The weekend packages, which also apply to *weekdays during* July and August, cost from £45 to £109 a room a night, depending on location. Details: 0800 897 121.

Snap up a spring bargain

Christine Wheeler sifts through the best travel deals on offer this week

LONG-HAUL

LONG-HAUL flight-only offers *(albeit with strings) abound,* including a *"companion fare" (two travelling together) from Journey* Latin America (0181 747 3108) to Buenos Aires (£472 per person), Rio (£405) and Puerto Rico (£400). Scheduled departures from Heathrow or Gatwick. Minimum five nights, maximum 3 months. Bookings must be made by April 30 for departure *between now* until end of *June. Or take off from one of 15 regional UK airports to* Nairobi (£409 per person) or Lilongwe, Malawi (£462) arranged by Quest Worldwide (0181 547 3322). Outward travel must be by June 15. Minimum stay seven days, maximum three months, and all travel completed by end of *June.* Worldwide *Journeys and Expeditions* (0171 381 8638) have savings of £200 per person on safaris to Zimbabwe, Botswana and Tanzania in May and June. A 15-day escorted Zimbabwe safari is £2,090 per person with flights and full board.

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Prices in the Caribbean drop by as much as 30 per cent after Easter for *holidays in* April, May *and June* as the peak season ends. Seven nights at the Montpelier Plantation Inn on Nevis now costs £1,047 per person (a drop of £666), for B&B accommodation and *return flights. Caribbean Connection:* 01244 34113).

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IF YOU travel between June 23 and September 3 on North Sea Ferries (01482 377177) you will qualify for a 50 per cent reduction on the same route between September 20 and March 31 1996. A car plus two passengers travelling Hull to Zeebrugge, for instance, costs £360 including dinner and breakfast and a £152 voucher for later travel.

Stena Sealink (01233 647033) *have* reduced their self-drive *gîte holiday* packages in Brittany and the Dordogne by up to 50 per cent in June and *September.* A week for four in Finistère starts at £149 (one week) or £248 (two weeks), including return ferry crossings on any of Stena's French routes. A converted barn for six in the Dordogne starts at £264.

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End of the airport queue

A new hi-tech ticket gives a quicker check-in, says **Rachael Jolley**

Travel industry gurus are *predicting the introduction of a new high-tech* ticket which could save airport passengers' time and tempers.

This year the travel industry hopes to cure the worst excesses of the check-in queue with an electronically encoded ticket containing passenger *information. The automatic* ticket, issued by travel agents and airlines, has a magnetic strip on its back which allows check-in attendants to swipe the ticket through a reader machine and automatically *transfer passenger details into the airline's computer.*

The tickets, already in use on the Eurostar rail service, will also include a tear-off boarding pass. British travel agents and airlines are already starting to install the necessary technology and by *the end of the year the 200 top* business travel agents and the larger flight-only ticket shops will use the new tickets.

Tony Hughes, managing director *of London-based business* travel agency P&O Travel, says: "Once people start seeing the tangible benefits they will demand these tickets. Every major business agent will be using them by the middle of the year, so it will be the norm."

Mr Hughes has installed the ticket printers for the new generation of tickets at seven branches and is sending out 600 a day. British Airways has 200 ticket-reading machines at Heathrow Terminals 1 and 4, and the machines are in use at *Birmingham.*

Soon, passengers may be able to check themselves in using the ticket-reader machines, which might be found *at railway stations such as* Victoria, hotels and airport car parks. Airlines want the faster tickets so badly that some are ready to subsidise travel agents who buy the technology needed to print them. Some 200 agents have applied for *the subsidy.*

Alan Cruickshank, development manager at Gatwick airport, admitted that a 5 per cent month on month increase in passengers was causing problems: "Congestion is a big issue."

In Switzerland about 300 *passengers a day are already using the tickets to check themselves in. A Swissair spokesman* said the process took about 20 seconds. It relieved pressure on the staffed check-in desks at Geneva and Zurich.

Other queue-busting solutions are also being tested and *introduced.* Travel without tickets is already being used for internal flights by American airlines, such as United and Southwest. Lufthansa,the German airline, is issuing an electronic smart card, which can be used over and over again instead of a ticket, to 1,000 regular flyers.

At several American and Canadian airports, including JFK and Montreal, immigration has also been speeded up. Frequent flyers can have their palm print registered.

● *Rachael Jolley writes for* Travel *Trade Gazette.*

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Heathrow is determined to bring Britain's railway system right past its front doors. How does Bedfont Lakes figure in its plans?

Sleepy hollow today, junction tomorrow

The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Bedfont Lakes may not be the first name to spring to mind as a vital interchange at the heart of Britain's travel and transport network.

Yet, within three years, this sleepy hollow — now a small industrial estate tucked away just off the Waterloo to Staines railway line — could be transformed into an important rail terminal capable of handling millions of passengers a year and linking directly into Heathrow just two miles to the north.

It would appear that at last there is a glimmer of hope for the creation of a co-ordinated transport plan enabling both business travellers and holidaymakers to get to and from Britain's biggest airport without having to use a car.

There is a long way to go before the terminal is built and, doubtless, the proposal will be fought every inch of the way by local objectors. A delicate balancing act will have to be achieved to keep the costs of travelling by rail to the airport sufficiently low to compete with the car, and the whole problem of funding, running and staffing the station has yet to be organised.

But Heathrow is clearly embarked on a determined effort both to become part of Britain's rail web and to ease the congestion inextricably associated with its status as the world's leading international airport.

A forum made up of 12 local authorities, businessmen and airlines is looking, in addition to Bedfont Lakes, at a range of developments near Heathrow which could become transport hubs in their own right. Stockley Park, a similar business park to Bedfont Lakes on the the northern edge of the airport, is on the Paddington to Cardiff line. It, too, could be linked by bus directly into the airport.

Heathrow is spending more than £500,000 on a series of feasibility studies into extending the airport's rail links to the north, south, east and west. The idea would be to increase the numbers using public transport to the airport from 34 per cent today to at least 50 per cent.

First, though, the airport is trying to persuade the 50,000 staff who work there to take to buses, Underground or car-sharing rather than use their own cars, which 78 per cent of them do at present. Not before time.

It is all in stark contrast to Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris, where the TGV long-distance trains and the RER commuter links both spill their passengers on to bright gleaming new platforms immediately below the airport terminals. The state-owned airport is convinced that it has the policy, space and — most importantly — the will, to become the transportation hub of Europe in the next century. Rail is an integral part of its plans.

The Heathrow to Paddington high-speed rail link, meanwhile, should be completed by December 1997. But do not take a wager on it.

While Britain still cannot achieve the "feel-good" factor about its railways, people from America to the Far East are in awe of British Rail.

BritRail, the international ticket sales organisation of BR, sells more than 250,000 tickets to tourists from 34 countries before they even leave their own country. Why can't Whitehall at least try to engender in Britain the same support for rail travel which has swept so much of the rest of the world?

The recent Department of National Heritage report, *Tourism: Competing with the best*, for example, contains not a single reference to Britain's railways. The latest Scottish Tourist Board brochure contains three pages of detailed advice on how to travel to Scotland — by air, by ferry and by car. The only reference to rail travel is in an advertisement paid for by InterCity. No wonder the vast majority of the estimated eight million people who take a short weekend break in Britain now travel by car or by air.

At least companies such as BAA and concerned individual travellers are now talking about the railways and are beginning to formulate ideas for getting the leisure and business traveller off the roads and on to the trains.

My own suggestion is that BR's regular commuters should be awarded free Rail Miles in just the same way as the airlines award points to frequent flyers to be used for leisure trips.

If we are serious about persuading more people to holiday at home as well as attracting more foreign tourists and protecting the countryside, more must be done to boost the use of the railways — privatised or not.

Britons head for sun

Harvey Elliott

on new destinations announced yesterday

Sri Lanka is being marketed by Thomson as the new destination for winter sun-seekers on package holidays

With almost two weeks to go before the official end of this winter's holiday season, Britain's tour operators will today begin taking bookings for next winter. And everyone is agreed it will be a record season, as British families head south to escape the cold.

According to most estimates, more than three million will take a foreign package between November and April next year — and they will be seeking sun rather than snow.

To find the sun, holidaymakers are prepared to travel farther than ever, and long-haul holidays are expected to increase sharply. This is in marked contrast to the number of people heading for the ski slopes, which has fallen by at least 30 per cent over the past five years.

The trend towards longer-distance holidays has led market leader Thomson to produce two new packages using Britannia charter flights to Dubai and Sri Lanka.

Richard Bowden-Doyle, marketing director for Thomson, said yesterday: "Since the early 1980s people have been seeking guaranteed winter sun through such destinations as Egypt, Kenya and The Gambia. Now they are going farther afield and looking for adventure as well as good prices and a good beach."

As a result, Thomson will charter entire aircraft from both Gatwick and Manchester each week to take holidaymakers to Sri Lanka at prices starting at less than £500 per person. A holiday in Dubai will start at less than £400.

The Canary Islands are still the single most popular winter destination, however, accounting for more than half the holidays on offer from today from the leading operators.

First Choice — formerly Owners Abroad — predicts that winter holidays will be cheaper next year, especially to Tunisia, the Algarve, Israel and the Gambia.

Peter Phillipson, commercial director, said: "The number of people taking winter holidays over the past ten years has increased dramatically, and although for most people a winter holiday is a second holiday, for some it makes sense to get away in the winter even if it's the only holiday they take.

"Winter holidays are, on average, cheaper than summer ones and ideal if you want to avoid extremes in temperatures and crowds."

The trend towards a second holiday taken in the winter is now accelerating as the "feel-good" factor gradually takes hold, at least in the package holiday market. According to the British National Travel Survey, 34 per cent of all second holidays are taken in winter, as opposed to 14 per cent of main holidays. Over two-thirds of the people taking winter holidays are in the top "ABC1" group, with almost half aged between 45 and 65 and 84 per cent married.

Short-haul beach holidays, mainly in the Mediterranean, accounted for 57 per cent of the total winter holiday market. The long-haul holiday sector grew almost twice as fast in the past year as short-haul holidays and made up 13.5 per cent of the total.

Skiing is down by at least 8 per cent compared with last year. Some holiday companies say that this is because fewer schools are organising ski trips.

Bowden-Doyle, however, said yeterday that skiing had "gone out of fashion".

"We have done a lot to try to revitalise the ski market," he says. "But the truth is that although it was the thing to be seen doing in the 1980s, it is no longer, and it has become a very expensive pastime compared with beach holidays."

One of the most important groups now taking winter holidays are those aged over 55 and many of the leading holiday companies now produce brochures aimed specifically at this "grey" market. Thomson, for example, says that its Young at Heart brochure designed to appeal to the 25 per cent of the British population now aged over 55 is doing better than ever. Airtours says that holidaymakers booking through their "Golden Years" brochure can spend 12 weeks in Majorca from as little as £3.80 a day.

Richard Carrick, Airtours marketing director, said: "People are now living longer in retirement and spending ever more money on holidays. Many of our Golden Years customers are people in or approaching retirement who see an ideal opportunity to visit their favourite resort when the weather at home tends to be poor. In many cases it's also cheaper."

More for less

How to make the most of your holiday pound

British travellers trying to make their holiday pound stretch as far as possible would be well advised to steer clear of Germany, Japan, Austria, France and Portugal this summer.

The turmoil in the currency markets has lead savvy tourists to pick their destinations not only on the brochure package price, but also on the buying power of the pound.

As sterling yesterday plunged against the deutschmark to a low of DM2.18 compared with DM2.45 last year, Germany joined Austria, France and Cyprus in the list of countries which have seen tourist numbers fall as their currencies have strengthened. France has lost up to 20 per cent of trade from Britain because of sterling's weakness against the franc.

Thomas Cook, the largest supplier of foreign currency in the world, said the boom destinations this year — America, the Caribbean, Turkey, Spain and Italy — were all countries where the exchange rate was in the pound's favour.

Russell Amerasekara, a Thomas Cook spokesman, said Turkey offered outstanding value, and the number of Britons booking breaks in Florida could return to one million this season — the highest for three years.

Sterling now buys $1.57, compared with $1.44 for the same time last year, while in Italy — the runaway success of the Easter break — £1 is worth 2,677 lira, up from 2,354 in 1994. In Turkey, sterling is worth 65,000 lira, up from last year's figure of 46,740.

All other currencies make depressing reading for prospective travellers. The value of the pound against the yen has dropped dramatically — £1 buys only 128 yen compared with 151 last year. It buys 14.87 Austrian schillings, down from 17.19, and only Ffr7.48, down from 8.37.

Since the turn of the year, it has lost 6 per cent against the Portuguese escudo, about 1 per cent against the Spanish peseta, and almost 11 per cent against the Swiss franc.

The currency swings are unlikely to signal a change in brochure prices this year. Tour operators would rather bear the costs themselves than lose bookings. Mr Amerasekara says: "The main effect will be on how far the pound goes when holidaymakers are shopping and eating out."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Bonus for Bermuda

TOURISM could be the main beneficiary of the withdrawal of British, American and Canadian navies from Bermuda, *writes Steve Keenan*.

The withdrawal of the US Navy alone, on September 1, will free two square miles of land. There have been conflicting calls for the site to be zoned for a new, top-class hotel resort, a golf course or a film institute, to spruce up the island's conservative image.

"We need new hotels. Bermuda needs a new and different style of hotel and we think we are missing an opportunity," Gary Phillips, Bermuda's director of tourism, says.

John Hartley, executive vice-president of the Bermuda Hotel Association, says: "The current thinking is that we have to become a little more lively. We do provide entertainment — but not like we used to."

Tourism still accounts for 62 per cent of Bermuda's Gross Domestic Product. Taking over the running of the island's airport from the US Navy will also cost the Government $17.2 million this year, half the new revenues raised in the recent Budget.

David Saul, the Finance Minister, warned of "substantial increases" to come in aircraft landing fees, while raising the departure tax from $15 to $20 and extending a 6 per cent hotel tax to include the entire bill.

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Albania opens up

Inter-Continental Hotels is to open the first Western-run luxury hotel in the Albanian capital of Tirana, *writes David Churchill*.

The hotel chain, owned by the Japanese Saison Group, this week revealed that it intended to open the 262-room hotel, close to the city centre and the University of Tirana, early in 1997. The building will be part of a development financed by Kuwaiti conglomerate, the Kharafi Group.

Inter-Continental's move into Albania is seen as a bold step, as the country has only recently shrugged off almost 50 years of communism. But, according to Inter-Continental's European President, Mr John Wright, Albania's isolation from the international community provides an ideal opportunity in an emerging market for business travel.

While business travellers will be the prime target, Mr Wright believes that the Albanian leisure market will eventually take off.

But wooing leisure travellers to Albania will take considerable time and effort, believes Mr Nigel Hards, retail director of Thomas Cook. "Any tourism growth will depend on heavy investment in infrastructure and marketing to ensure that Britons are aware of what it has to offer," he says.

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■ At least 78 people, including 17 children, were killed when a huge car bomb destroyed a government building in the centre of Oklahoma City. Hundreds more were injured by the explosion, which could be heard 30 miles away and caused immense damage to the surrounding area.

The 1,000lb bomb was believed to have been planted in the underground car park of the nine-storey Alfred Murrah building, which has a day-care centre for children in the basement .... Page 1

Sterling slump prompts rate-rise fears

■ Fears grew of an interest-rate rise next month after the pound got caught in the downdraft from the beleaguered American dollar and slumped to a fresh low against a basket of currencies .... Pages 1, 18, 23

War widows bonus

The Government is to avoid a political storm in the run-up to VE-Day by agreeing to increase the pensions paid to thousands of war widows, at a likely cost of £40 million a year .... Page 1

Tributes to shot PC

Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, led the tributes to PC Phillip Walters, whose shooting he described as "a devastating blow" .... Page 2

Teachers up pressure

Thousands of teachers faced having their pay docked for strikes against larger classes as a third classroom union voted overwhelmingly to ballot on industrial action .... Page 2

Gas on probation

British Gas was put on probation by the Government as ministers tried to shame it into improving services to customers .... Page 4

Dover set for protest

Dover is bracing itself for mass protests when livestock exports to the Continent resume after last week's High Court ruling ordering the port to lift its ban on the trade .... Page 6

Game for a fortune

A university drop-out who abandoned his studies for a summer job repairing arcade games has signed a multimillion-pound deal with Nintendo, the Japanese game giant .... Page 7

No 10 gates 'must go'

The gates at the entrance to Downing Street should come down as part of a plan to open up Whitehall to the public, government advisers say .... Page 8

Council clampdown

The Labour leadership is considering tough reserve powers to prevent extravagant spending by local councils if it wins the next election .... Page 10

Chirac money jitters

The French presidential campaign took an acid turn as the Gaullist camps sparred over the franc and Jacques Chirac made the financial world nervous by playing up his plans to relaunch the economy .... Page 11

Madrid blast

José Maria Aznar, leader of Spain's right-wing Popular Party, escaped without serious injury a car bomb attack in Madrid which injured 21 people .... Page 13

Japanese gas attack

Japan's worst fears were realised when more than 300 people were taken to hospital, 20 of them seriously ill, after fumes spread through a station in Yokohama, south of Tokyo .... Page 14

Tigers rebuff peace

Tamil Tigers blew up two naval boats and announced their withdrawal from peace negotiations in a humiliating blow to the new Government .... Page 15

Mr Blobby bothers abbey

■ A church court met to decide the fate of an historic stained-glass window in Sherborne Abbey, which one young visitor mistook for "a collection of Mr Blobbies". The brightly coloured depiction of Old Testament worthies, said always to have been held in low esteem by residents, may be replaced by a modern design in soft colours .... Page 7

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Tony Blair, the Labour leader, and his deputy John Prescott at the launch of the party's local election campaign. Page 10

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Many Japan watchers say the startling and ferocious rise of the yen against the dollar will eventually boomerang on the Japanese by causing their economy to stall
— *Los Angeles Times*

Preview: The last of the *Holylands* trilogy on the 1993 Oslo peace accords between Israel and the Palestinians looks at the victims of the "peace" (Channel 4, 9pm). **Review:** Joe Joseph found Billy, the former Liverpool gangland thug who was the subject of *Modern Times*, an engaging curio despite his bouts of uncontrollable violence .... Page 47

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Doug McAvoy, leader of the National Union of Teachers, deserves praise for his courageous attack on the militant delegates who have brought shame upon the union's annual conference .... Page 19

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The two bombs set off in the Spanish capital yesterday are proof that the country's struggle against terrorist violence and intimidation is still an uphill one .... Page 19

Sun rises in the West

Japan should start to foster its own creative talents: this is asking the Japanese to modify their Japaneseness, but no less will be required if they are to make the pace .... Page 19

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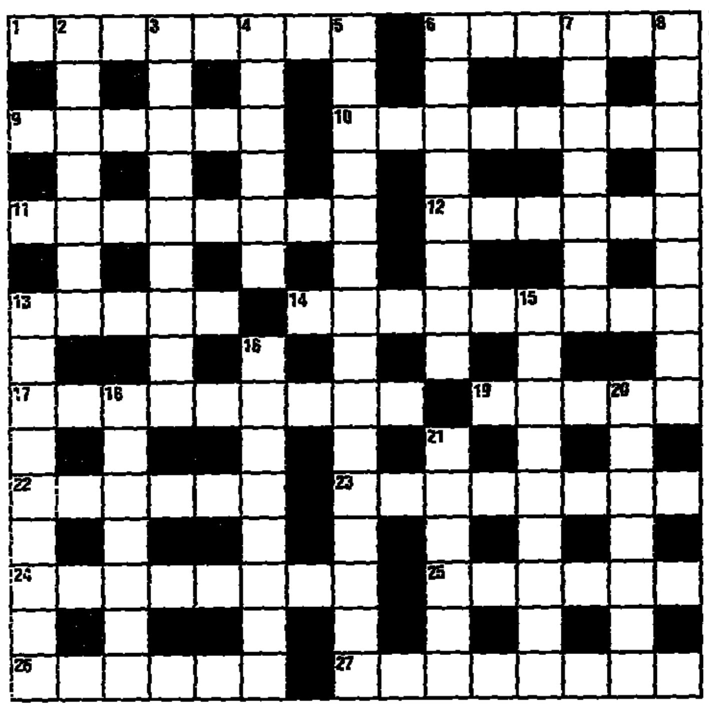

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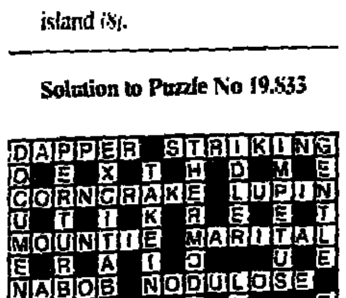

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Newcastle upon Tyne, 0.53in; highest sunshine: Aspatria, Cumbria, 10.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Central and southern Scotland will start dry and bright but wintry showers will develop during the morning. Remaining northern areas will have showers throughout and it will be quite windy. Northern Ireland can expect heavy showers to develop during the morning after a bright start.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N:** Sunny start, heavy showers developing, some with hail. Wind variable mainly westerly light. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England:** Sunny spells and heavy showers, some wintry with hail. Wind northwesterly light to moderate. Max 9C (52F).

☐ **Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** Sunny spells and heavy showers, some wintry. Wind northwesterly moderate locally fresh. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** Sunny spells and heavy showers, some of them wintry. Wind north to northwesterly moderate to fresh. Max 8 to 9C (48F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** Bright spells and sleet or snow showers. Wind north to northwesterly fresh to strong. Max 7C (46F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Bright spells and sleet or snow showers. Wind north to northwesterly strong locally gale. Max 5C (43F)

☐ **Outlook:** Sunshine and showers, later becoming cloudy with rain at times.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.9	0.09	7	45	h	Liverpool	12.9	0.16	7	45	s
Anglesey	10.6	-	7	45	sh	London	10.8	-	11	52	s
Aspatria	6.0	-	9	48	h	Lowestoft	8.5	0.02	12	54	r
Aviemore	5.4	0.19	5	41	sh	Manchester	9.5	0.02	9	48	s
Belfast	10.9	0.05	8	46	sh	Margate	10.5	0.04	9	48	s
Birmingham	10.9	-	9	48	h	Minehead	x				
Bognor R	11.4	0.02	10	50	sh	Morecambe	11.6	0.10	9	48	h
Bournem'th	9.0	-	11	52	sl	Newcastle	5.8	0.03	7	45	sn
Bristol	7.7	0.01	10	50	s	Newquay	10.6	0.18	8	46	s
Buxton	6.6	-	6	43	s	Norwich	9.6	0.01	9	48	sh
Cardiff	9.3	0.04	10	50	t	Nottingham	x				
Clacton	6.9	0.07	10	50	s	Oxford	6.9	-	11	52	sh
Cleethorpes	10.4	0.02	9	48	h	Penzance	9.5	0.29	11	52	h
Colwyn Bay	x					Plymouth	11.3	0.01	11	52	s
Cromer	10.3	-	8	46	s	Poole	9.6	0.03	11	52	sl
Doncaster	9.2	0.02	9	48	sh	Prestatyn	x	0.08	7	45	sh
Dunbar	x					Ross-o-wye	8.8	0.07	10	50	f
Eastbourne	12.7	-	10	50	s	Ryde	10.9	-	11	52	s
Edinburgh	7.1	0.06	9	48	b	Salcombe	11.0	-	12	54	s
Eskdalemuir	8.3	-	7	45	s	Sandown	9.3	-	11	52	s
Exmouth	11.5	-	10	50	h	Saunton Snd	10.9	0.04	9	48	s
Falmouth	x	0.19	10	50	s	Scarboro'	8.3	0.06	7	45	sn
Fishguard	9.0	0.09	7	45	h	Scilly Isles	10.6	0.09	10	50	h
Folkestone	12.5	0.05	9	48	sh	Shanklin	10.7	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	9.4	-	9	48	sh	Shrewsbury	11.0	0.01	9	48	sh
Guernsey	x					Skegness	10.0	0.24	8	46	sh
Hastings	7.4	0.01	10	50	s	Southend	x	-	9	48	s
Hayling I	10.8	-	10	50	s	Southport	x	0.03	8	46	s
Herne Bay	11.1	-	9	48	s	Southsea	10.7	-	10	50	s
Hove	9.7	-	9	48	s	Stornoway	3.2	0.22	6	43	sh
Hunstanton	9.1	0.01	9	45	sn	Swanage	10.4	-	12	54	s
Ilfracombe	x					Teignmouth	11.8	-	10	50	s
Isle of Man	12.4	0.02	8	46	s	Tenby	10.6	0.04	9	48	s
Jersey	9.2	[illegible]	10	50	sh	Tiree	7.6	0.07	7	45	h
Kinloss	5.1	0.12	7	45	sn	Torquay	11.8	-	12	54	s
Leeds	8.3	0.02	8	46	h	Tynemouth	x				
Lerwick	7.4	0.27	6	43	sh	Ventnor	10.6	-	12	54	s
Leuchars	9.4	0.01	9	48	sh	Weymouth	11.7	0.02	10	50	s

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	C'phagn	9	48	s	Majorca	21	70	s	Rome	16	61	f
Akrotiri	18	64	s	Corfu	18	64	s	Malaga	25	77	s	Salzburg	20	68	s
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Dublin	6	43	f	Malta	18	64	f	S Frisco	12	54	s
Algiers	25	77	f	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Melb'rne	14	57	s	Santiago	23	73	s
Amst'dm	7	45	f	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	25	77	s	S Paulo	26	79	c
Athens	19	66	s	Florence	17	63	f	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	15	59	s
Bahrain	30	86	s	Frankfurt	6	43	r	Milan	17	63	c	Sing'por	32	90	t
Bangkok	35	95	s	Funchal	18	64	c	Montreal	9	48	s	S'kholm	7	45	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	10	50	r	Moscow	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	10	50	f
Barcelona	17	63	s	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Munich	16	61	f	Sydney	22	72	s
Beirut	19	66	f	Helsinki	7	45	f	Nairobi	21	70	f	Tangier	19	66	f
Belgrade	21	70	s	Hong K	23	73	s	Naples	16	61	f	Tel Aviv	20	68	f
Berlin	9	48	r	Innsbrck	17	63	f	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Bermuda	23	73	f	Istanbul	13	55	f	N York	18	64	s	Tokyo	24	75	c
Biarritz	9	48	r	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Nice	16	61	s	Toronto	8	46	c
Bord'x	9	48	c	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	7	45	f	Tunis	27	81	s
Brussels	6	43	s	L Palmas	21	70	f	Paris	7	45	f	Valencia	23	73	s
Budapst	13	55	s	Le Touq't	9	48	f	Peking	20	68	s	Vanc'ver	9	48	f
B Aires	27	81	s	Lisbon	18	64	c	Perth	22	72	s	Venice	16	61	f
Cairo	22	72	f	Locarno	14	57	c	Prague	17	63	s	Vienna	17	63	c
Cape Tn	15	59	c	L Angels	14	57	c	Reykjavik	-1	30	f	Warsaw	15	59	c
Chicago	22	72	f	Luxembg	5	41	d	Rhodes	19	66	s	Wash'ton	16	61	f
Ch'church	14	57	-	Luxor	29	84	s	Rio de J	27	81	f	Wel'gton	19	66	s
Cologne	7	45	f	Madrid	21	70	s	Riyadh	37	99	c	Zurich	15	59	f

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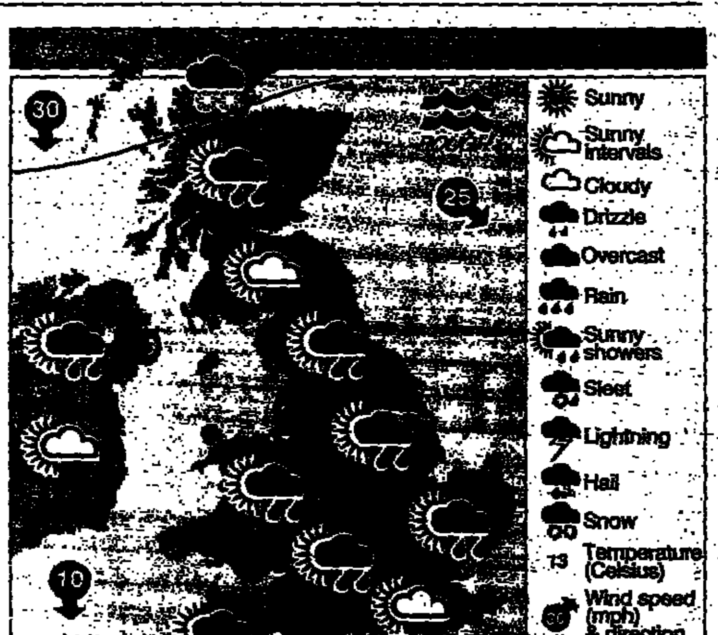

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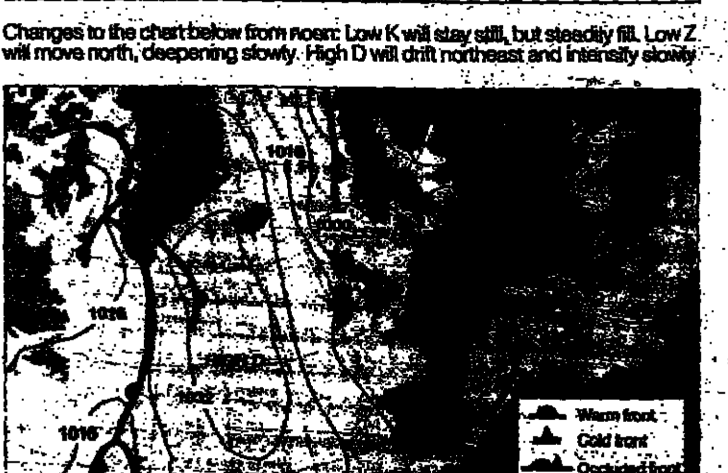

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.00	7.04	5.21	6.84	Leith	5.51	6.37	6.26	6.32
Aberdeen	4.35	4.02	5.12	3.95	Liverpool	2.11	9.35	2.38	9.05
Avonmouth	10.28	12.48	10.47	12.09	Lowestoft	[illegible]	2.44	[illegible]	2.37
Belfast	2.02	3.39	2.43	3.21	Margate	8.05	4.78	9.18	4.59
Cardiff	10.13	11.09	10.37	10.75	Milford Haven	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.55	6.67
Devonport	9.12	5.13	9.28	5.17	Newquay	8.10	[illegible]	8.44	6.26
Dover	1.56	6.54	2.26	6.38	Oban	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.15	3.45
Dublin	2.34	4.12	3.20	3.97	Penzance	7.54	[illegible]	8.22	5.00
Falmouth	8.16	4.86	8.40	4.79	Portland	9.59	[illegible]	10.20	1.80
Glasgow	4.04	4.49	4.23	4.54	Portsmouth	2.28	[illegible]	2.55	4.59
Harwich	2.49	4.00	3.08	3.75	Shoreham	2.07	6.11	2.37	5.96
Holyhead	1.14	5.51	1.48	5.20	Southampton	1.40	4.40	2.14	4.42
Hull	9.23	7.21	9.55	7.03	Swansea	9.37	[illegible]	10.02	8.00
Ilfracombe	9.10	8.82	9.35	8.87	Tees	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.34	5.07
King's Lynn	9.24	6.82	9.52	6.47	Walton-on-Naze	2.32	4.26	3.14	3.97

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Sun rises: 5.56 am
Sun sets: 8.05 pm
Moon sets 9.55 am
Moon rises 1.00 am
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London 8.05 pm to 5.54 am
Bristol 8.14 pm to 6.03 am
Edinburgh 8.29 pm to [illegible]
Manchester 8.18 pm to [illegible]
Penzance 8.29pm to [illegible]

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

Dollar drags pound to new low

Turbulence may force Bank of England to raise base rate after May monetary meeting

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

THE pound slumped to a record low against a basket of currencies yesterday, intensifying speculation that the Bank of England will push for another rise in interest rates next month.

Sterling fell to 83.6 on its effective index, undercutting the previous all-time low of 84, reached in February 1993 after the pound had been forced out of the exchange-rate mechanism. By yesterday's close, it had clawed back some ground to end at 83.9. It also hit a new record low against the German mark of DM2.1790 but closed at DM2.1860.

The US dollar yesterday slid to a new record low against the Japanese yen of Y79.75 and barely recovered any ground despite repeated intervention by the Bank of Japan in Tokyo overnight. By the European close, the dollar had recovered a little to trade at Y80.75.

The US currency fell to DM1.3528 by late European trading, close to the record low of DM1.3450 set on March 8.

The pound continues to be caught in the crossfire between a plunging dollar and the surging currencies of Germany and Japan. Traditionally, the pound has tended to move in tandem with the dollar to the frustration of the monetary authorities [illegible]

The Bank of England has been monitoring the pound's movements closely in recent weeks and has so far stayed its hand in the hope that its downward lurch would prove temporary, as stability returned to the dollar.

The minutes of the monthly monetary meeting on March 8, published yesterday, confirm that the Bank is concerned about the slide in the pound; they convinced many in the City that another rate rise will follow the next meeting on May 5. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, decided to leave interest rates unchanged at their March meeting but both expressed concern about the weakness of sterling.

Mr George argued — six weeks ago — that there was a reasonable chance that currency turbulence could abate and take the pressure off the European currencies. But he also acknowledged that strains in the exchange markets could last for some time and that "he might need to revert to the Chancellor, if the situation were to deteriorate".

It has always been understood that interest rate decisions can be taken between monetary meetings if there is a pressing need on currency grounds. Mr George was clearly laying down a marker so that he could act on interest rates if necessary.

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Mr Clarke agreed with Mr George that the "recent weakness in the exchange rate could, if it were to persist, [illegible] issue for policy". At the March 8 meeting, sterling stood at 86 on its index against other major currencies but it now stands nearly 3 points lower than that. At the last meeting two weeks ago, sterling's index stood at 84.7 but, at that stage, clearly decided not to raise interest rates.

Since the start of the year sterling has fallen 5.3 per cent against the trade-weighted index, 15.8 per cent against the yen, 9.4 per cent against the mark, 7 per cent against the French franc, and is up 3.7 per cent on the dollar. The authorities face a conundrum. On one hand, sterling's weakness threatens to exacerbate the inflationary impact of imported commodities, where prices have been rising strongly anyway. On the other, there has been clear evidence that growth in industrial production and retail sales have both been decelerating and that the consumer sector of the economy remains weak.

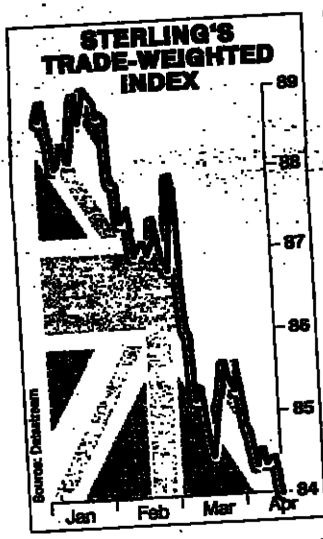
A picture of weakening recovery was underlined yesterday by Barclays Bank which questioned managers at 270 branches who said that personal customers had become progressively less confident since interest rates started to rise last September. Confidence among business customers remained buoyant but was rising at a slower rate than last autumn.

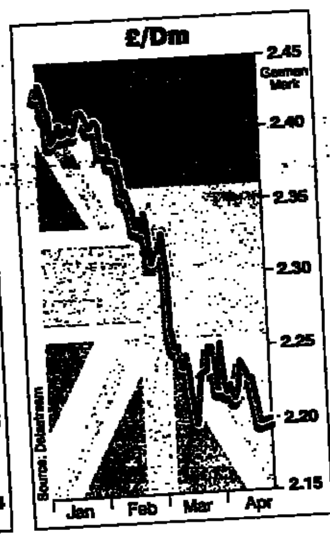
On balance, the City believes that the authorities will decide on another rise in interest rates, based not only on the weakness in the pound but increasing evidence that higher raw materials prices are feeding through into final factory gate prices.

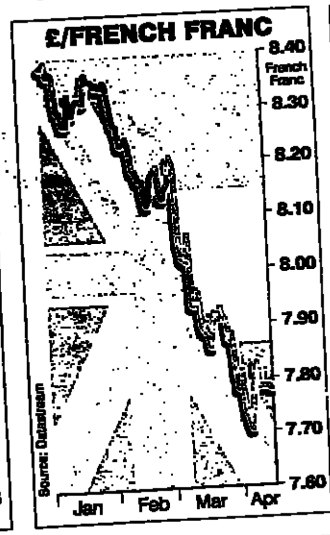
Ciaran Barr, UK economist at Morgan Grenfell, said: "The latest monthly minutes reinforce our view that base rates are likely to be raised after the next monetary meeting on May 5. The authorities cannot ignore the potential boost to inflation triggered by the recent decline in sterling."

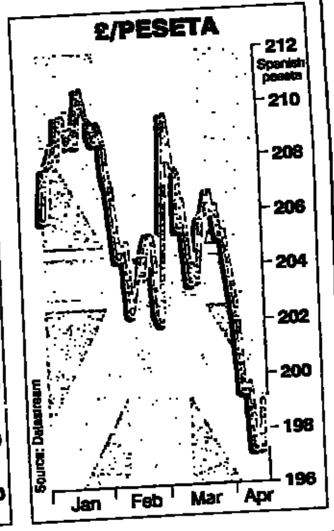
The dollar failed to gain support yesterday from figures showing a smaller than expected US trade deficit in February. The shortfall was $9 billion against expectations of a deficit of around $10 billion. January's deficit was revised down a little to $11.95 billion from the $12.2 billion previously reported.

Fistful of dollars: delight for some as the American currency continues its relentless fall against the mighty yen









BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3170.1	(-24.4)
Yield	4.30%	
FT-SE A All share	1556.15	(-9.59)
Nikkei	16376.08	(+150.97)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4173.25	(-5.88)*
S&P Composite	503.11	(-2.26)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⅞%*	(6⅛%)
Long Bond	102²²⁄₃₂*	(102²⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.40%*	(7.39%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⁵⁄₈%	(6¹⁹⁄₃₂%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	103¹¹⁄₃₂	(104¹⁄₄)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6160*	(1.6140)
London:		
$	1.6175	(1.6137)
DM	2.1884	(2.2026)
FFr	7.7770	(7.7570)
SFr	1.8027	(1.8187)
Yen	130.75	(131.23)
£ Index	83.9	(84.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3562*	(1.3522)
FFr	4.8058*	(4.7660)
SFr	1.1170*	(1.1156)
Yen	81.08*	(80.63)
$ Index	86.5	(86.9)

Tokyo close Yen 80.40

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.10	($18.00)

GOLD

London close	$395.75	($393.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Undermined

Most of Britain's 10,000 remaining miners have been promised a year-end pay review in an apparent attempt to stave off industrial action. Richard Budge of RJB Mining has told his 7,300 underground employees that "encouraging" progress in output and productivity may make pay rises possible. Page 26

Well packaged

Surging demand for paper and packaging and sharply higher product prices, helped Jefferson Smurfit, the packaging group, lift profits 39 per cent. Page 27

Amex fights back in the card war

By Robert Miller

AMERICAN Express yesterday attempted to counter costomer and retail defections by launching a mass market credit card. Barclaycard, Europe's largest credit card provider, chose the same day to launch another two new credit cards, its first in five years.

Amex's move into the credit card market, which will be backed by a £6 million campaign, is a first for American Express which has until now stuck to its Amex chargecard, held by more than 1 million people in the UK and 36 million worldwide.

The American Express credit card will be "free for life" to existing customers, if they retain their charge cards. The £20 annual fee for new customers will be waived for the first year and they may transfer balances from other cards.

Barclaycard, which estimates that about 14.5 million adults in the UK qualify for but do not hold a credit card, yesterday launched a Sense card, with a reduced credit limit, and a Gold card.

American Express, whose charge card costs £37.50 a year, has been losing market share. Industry experts estimate that 500,000 Amex cardholders have decamped. Many retailers have also stopped accepting Amex cards because of the cost.

John Crewe, president of the consumer services group for American Express in Europe, acknowledged these problems, but said fees were now "rarely more than 1 per cent higher than those charged by Visa, Mastercard and Access".

Ian Lindsey, a director of Save & Prosper which offers a joint credit card with Robert Fleming, its merchant bank parent company, says the Amex credit card faces a tough battle to establish itself in an already overcrowded market.

General Cable cuts float price

GENERAL CABLE was forced yesterday to cut the price of its shares, which are scheduled to begin trading on the London and Nasdaq exchanges today after investors balked at paying the forecast price (Eric Reguly writes).

General, owned by Compagnie Générale des Eaux of France, said its sales syndicate was offering the 90 million ordinary shares at 190p apiece, down significantly from their expected price of 220p to 255p. The lower price, which values the company at about £481 million, will raise £171 million before expenses compared with £198 million to £230 million under the original pricing scenario.

A GC spokesman said: "We picked up pockets of resistance to anything within the forecast price range. The US is very much a buyer's market at the moment. But at 190p, demand was proving very strong."

Banks pressed to give interest data

By Our Economics Correspondent

THE Bank of England is pressing banks for more information about the interest rates they charge their customers in a move that is likely to put them on the defensive.

The Bank is due to meet the statistics committee of the British Bankers' Association on June 9 to discuss its requirements. The move stems from the Bank's desire to understand better the way changes in base rates feed through to the rest of the financial system.

But the banks fear that this exercise will mean giving up some of their jealously-guarded privacy. "It is difficult to say no to the Bank of England if they want to publish this information," one banker said. "This is a slippery slope."

The Bank last asked banks for more information on interest charges three years ago and the banks agreed on condition that this information was used to produce better understanding of the economy but was *not* published. This, according to John Ecklin, head of statistics at the BBA, remains the case.

The banks do not want average interest rate tables to be published because they fear they will be beseiged by customers who are paying more than the average. They charge different interest rates according to their perceptions of risk. "A lot of customers cannot imagine they are as bad a risk as the bank thinks they are," one banker said.

Rates of interest to business customers vary from about 0.15 per cent above base rate for the best quality blue chip companies to perhaps 5 per cent or 6 per cent above base rate for small firms with poor credit track records. The Bank of England is also asking for more information on capital adequacy and derivatives.

Medeva chief may get £9m after bid

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

Sankey: more from less

BERNARD TAYLOR, chairman of Medeva, the pharmaceuticals group, stands to make a gross profit of more than £9 million on a series of share options if Fisons' mooted takeover terms of about 300p a share prove successful. Four co-directors could share a further £4.6 million profit, indicating a total share option bonanza of £13.85 million.

According to Medeva's 1994 accounts, Mr Taylor holds options under an "executive" and "senior" scheme relating to 5,067,465 ordinary shares with exercise prices ranging from 89p to 217p. Based on a 300p market price, Mr Taylor's potential profit would be £9.15 million. Mr Taylor's total remuneration in 1994 rose from £364,000 to £542,000. This included fees and salaries of £386,000 and a performance-related bonus of £149,000. Mr Taylor's direct shareholding in Medeva amounts to 1,000 shares, with a further 219,967 in a non-beneficial capacity.

William Bogie, Medeva's chief executive, holds more than one million "executive" and "senior" share options with exercise prices ranging from 97p to 193p. His potential profit, based on a 300 p exit price, would be in the region of £1.93 million. Mr Bogie's total remuneration last year rose from £130,000 to £379,000. His direct shareholding in Medeva embraces some 18,000 shares.

Also in the running to become a share option millionaire is co-director John Adams. His options, held through the "US Plan" total 538,500, with exercise prices of 97p and 140p. The potential profit on these amounts to £1.07 million. Last year Mr Adams' remuneration rose from £293,000 to £404,000.

Two other board members, Dennis Millard, finance director, and Ralph Harris, stand to make potential share option profits of about £896,000 and £790,000.

☐ Vernon Sankey, 45, chief executive of Reckitt & Colman saw his pay leap 25 per cent to £474,663 last year. The increase included a performance-related bonus of £123,214, up from £35,062 in 1993. The household products group's pre-tax profit for the year fell from £256.9 million to £160.2 million.

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Pressure grows for G7 to solve dollar crisis

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE dollar's plunge to yet another record low against the yen yesterday piled pressure on leaders of the Group of Seven industrialised countries to thrash out a solution at their meeting in Washington next week.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at Japanese bank DKB International, said: "This G7 meeting is probably the most important one since the 1980s. These gatherings have become little more than photo calls but this time there is a real possibility of concrete policy changes."

A war of words, primarily between the US and Japan, has been intensifying since Friday. Although US officials welcomed the Japanese interest rate cut and the package to stimulate the Japanese economy, the markets' verdict was negative. The increasingly critical atmosphere on the foreign exchanges was not helped after a weekend meeting in Indonesia between Robert Rubin, US Treasury Secretary, and Masayoshi Takemura, Japan's Finance Minister, failed to agree any concrete steps to boost the dollar.

This week, the mood, both diplomatically and in the currency markets, has been poisoned by the evident difficulties of current talks between Japan and the US on trade in cars and car components.

Adding to the contentious backdrop to next week's meeting of the G7 and the International Monetary Fund's interim committee was a call by Michel Camdessus, IMF Managing Director, for the US to raise interest rates.

He accused the US of missing an opportunity to raise rates when Japan and Germany cut theirs. He said that the Fund was "very concerned by the decline of the dollar and in particular the acceleration of the decline that has taken place since the end of February".

He warned the Clinton Administration that it was the duty of the US to help stabilise the foreign exchange markets, and said that if its rates were not raised now, the US might be forced into sharper action later this year once inflation had built up.

The US is widely believed, not only in Tokyo but also in the financial markets, to be pursuing a policy of benign neglect towards the dollar and using the pain being wreaked on the Japanese economy from the high yen as a lever in its increasingly bitter trade relations with Japan.

Yasuo Matsushita, Governor of the Bank of Japan, told a news conference yesterday that the Japanese Government wants the US to cut its budget deficit, and Japanese officials warned the US not to use the dollar as a tool in trade talks.

The response from the White House in particular has been less than reassuring. President Clinton said that the US wanted a strong dollar but doubted whether governments could do much to influence currencies in the short term. He also appeared to confirm the link between the dollar's weakness and trade difficulties by re-emphasising America's "strong" trade differences with Japan.

If action does come out of next week's G7, it could take several forms. The US could raise interest rates at the next meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee on May 23 but many analysts see this as unlikely given accumulating evidence that the US economy is slowing. Co-ordinated intervention may be an option and Japan and Germany may opt to cut interest rates again.

Germans say weak dollar will hit profits

By Colin Narbrough

DEEP concern felt by German industry about the damage the continued fall of the dollar could have on profits was yesterday voiced by key players in the aerospace and chemical sectors.

Manfred Bischoff, next chairman of Dasa, the flagship of Germany's aerospace industry, said it would lose hundreds of millions of marks this year if the dollar failed to rise quickly towards DM1.60 from its current lows around DM1.35. Dasa, part of Daimler-Benz, is an Airbus partner.

Henkel, the chemicals group, also warned that dollar weakness could cut expected profits by 5 per cent this year. Hans-Dietrich Winkhaus, the chief executive, said, however, that there would be only minimal impact on Henkel's imports and exports if the mark held its current position.

Earlier this week Edzard Reuter, outgoing management board chairman of Daimler-Benz, said that profit would be static this year, if the dollar stayed weak against the mark.

But industry's mounting cries of concern about the foreign exchange situation have been dismissed by Otmar Issing, a member of the Bundesbank's governing directorate. He argues that the rise of the mark has only brought benefits to date, helping inflation to slow.

Institutions cooler over derivatives

THE bad image the derivatives industry has earned is deterring some pension funds and insurance companies from using these sophisticated financial instruments, a survey shows.

A string of losses by multinational corporations and US counties, and the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank, have given derivatives a reputation for being highly risky and complex.

InterSec Research Corp, in conjuction with the European Managed Futures Association, surveyed senior investment officers at 770 institutions, banks and investment managers in 12 European countries and the US between last November and April. It found one third of respondents cited the derivatives industry's poor image as inhibiting their use of its products.

The survey found 61 per cent of European pension funds and insurance companies asked did use derivatives. Nearly three-quarters used them for asset allocation, half to hedge currencies, and a third for interest rate positions.

RJB miners given hint of pay rise at year end

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

On course: Richard Budge is encouraged by progress on coal output and productivity

MOST of Britain's 10,000 remaining miners have been promised a year-end pay review in an apparent attempt to stave off industrial action.

Richard Budge, chief executive of RJB Mining, has told his 7,300 underground employees that "encouraging" progress in output and productivity may make it possible to fund pay rises.

The letter comes against a background of simmering discontent among miners at some of the 18 pits taken over by RJB when it paid £815 million for the English mining activities of British Coal last Christmas. With 22 mines in production, including the recently opened Asfordby super-pit, and 18 opencast sites, RJB is now easily Britain's biggest coal mining group, with output of 36 million tonnes a year.

According to Mr Budge, many former British Coal contract workers have been displaced since RJB took over in order to ensure continuity of employment for full-time workers as productivity rises. In a letter to every miner, Mr Budge said he was encouraged by the progress made since the sale, but urged continued improvements in reducing unit costs.

"We are very encouraged by the progress so far and we want everyone to be aware that if we can continue the improvement in reducing unit costs and exceed the budgets through the remaining year it would be your board's intention to review the basic wage structure at the end of the current year," he said.

Mr Budge made no mention of a ballot of miners next month on the question of industrial action over pay, in protest at a freeze on basic rates. But some miners had no doubt the letter was designed to head off industrial action.

Steve Kemp, National Union of Mineworkers secretary at the Stillingfleet pit in North Yorkshire, said Mr Budge was offering "jam tomorrow" when miners wanted a basic pay rise now. "It is a tactic to try to head off any industrial action, but miners will see it as a bluff," he said.

RJB is racing to cut production costs before its contract to supply 30 million tonnes of coal a year to Britain's two biggest coal consumers, National Power and PowerGen, expires in April 1998.

Mr Budge had hoped miners would be content to share in the company's improving fortunes through a recent rise in the share price, and high levels of bonus payments. Thanks to the widespread popularity of the company's share purchase scheme, and an issue of free shares, some 83 per cent of RJB employees are now shareholders.

Air France cuts net losses to Fr2.4bn

AIR FRANCE, the state-owned airline that is the subject of a controversial Fr20 billion state aid package approved by the European Union, reduced net losses to Fr2.356 billion last year from Fr8.476 billion in 1993, the company reported yesterday.

The results benefited from net exceptional gains of Fr2.472 billion from the sale of assets, including the disposal of the Meridien chain of hotels to Britain's Forte.

There was also a gain on an internal transfer of shares in the domestic Air Inter airline. If this were subtracted, the company made a net loss of Fr2.55 billion, it said.

Operating losses were cut to Fr432 million from Fr3.348 billion. The company said that last year it had achieved one of the highest rates of seat occupation of any European airline, rising to 73 per cent from 67.8 per cent in 1993. The rate of use of capacity for freight rose to 67.8 per cent from 60.3 per cent.

However, most of the increase in passenger traffic was achieved through a reduction of fares. Income per passenger kilometre had fallen by 9.9 per cent and income per freight kilometre had fallen by 5.5 per cent.

The core airline business alone, excluding contributions from subsidiaries, incurred a net loss of Fr1.265 billion in 1994, reduced from a loss of Fr7.814 billion in 1993.

In 1994, Air France received an injection of cash amounting to Fr8.18 billion from the state. This enabled the company borrowings to be reduced to Fr27 billion from Fr33.6 billion.

The company had been promised Fr10 billion of aid in 1993, but received the final instalment of that amount, a sum of Fr1.8 billion, only at the beginning of 1995.

The number of people employed was cut to 37,4129 from 39,956 in 1993.

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Iraqi oil sales would 'not weaken prices'

IRAQ'S return to the oil market if UN sanctions are eased would not weaken prices, said Rilwanu Lukman, Opec secretary-general. However, Opec oil ministers would hold emergency talks if the United Nations allowed Iraq back to the market. The Iraqi Government has rejected last week's UN Security Council resolution authorising it to export $2 billion of crude oil over a period of six months to buy food and medicine.

The latest UN resolution allows Iraq to export 600,000 to 700,000 barrels per day (bpd) of oil for the first time since a crippling UN embargo was imposed on Baghdad when it invaded Kuwait in August 1990. Iraq, which wants a total lifting of the oil embargo, produced nearly three million bpd before the invasion. It said last month that the country could restore the pre-Gulf War level in two to three years.

Laporte optimistic

LAPORTE, the speciality chemicals group, continues to trade strongly in 1995, shareholders were told yesterday. "This year has started well with all divisions showing gains over 1994," said Roger Bexon, chairman. "The strong organic growth displayed throughout last year has continued into 1995 and we expect to make further progress through the year." Growth was entirely organic last year, he told the annual meeting; this year some would come from acquisitions. He said the disposal of some non-core businesses was planned.

News Corp issues writs

THE News Corporation yesterday issued proceedings against Saudi International Bank and Buchanan Partners relating to preference shares and bond issues made by News Cayman, News Cayman Investment and News Cayman (Finance). News Corp, the ultimate parent of *The Times*, having discussed with solicitors for the two businesses whether Royal Doulton shares formed part of the exchange property which underlay the bond and share issues, decided that it would be beneficial for the issue to be decided by the courts.

Bifu to meet C&G staff

BIFU, the banking, insurance and finance union, is to launch a recognition campaign tomorrow among staff at Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society which is to become part of Lloyds Bank this summer. Bifu has invited C&G staff to a reception in Barnwood, near C&G's Gloucester headquarters, to meet officials, including Alan Piper, the assistant general-secretary. He said: "We are keen to meet C&G staff and to discuss with them recent statements by Lloyds Bank warning of further job losses in the finance industry."

Coca-Cola sales surge

COCA-COLA'S net income rose 22 per cent in the first quarter, helped by continued strong sales in international markets. The huge soft drinks company earned $638 million, or 50 cents a share, in the three months to the end of March, up from $521 million, or 40 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenues rose 15 per cent to $3.85 billion from $3.35 billion in 1994. There was a 12 per cent gain in international sales, which have grown at double-digit rates for nine consecutive months.

Good start for Stakis

STAKIS, the Scottish hotel group, increased room rates and occupancy in the 13 weeks to April 2, traditionally the quiet quarter for hoteliers. Results from its casinos were more mixed. Occupancy rates were up by 3.1 per cent over the past 12 months, David Michels, the chief executive, told shareholders, while the average room rate rose by £2.10 in the quarter, averaging £42.84. The number of hotels in its portfolio total 40 with the £6.13 million purchase of the 104-bedroomed Carlton Manor in Corby.

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Progress for Digital

DIGITAL EQUIPMENT reported third-quarter profits of $74 million, compared with losses of $183 million for the same period last time. Earnings were 44 cents a share, compared with losses of $1.34 previously. Operating revenues for the quarter rose 6 per cent to $3.5 billion from $3.3 billion in 1994. For the first nine months of its fiscal year, Digital reduced losses to $37.9 million, or 45 cents a share, from losses of $409.7 million, or $3.02 a share. Operating expenses were 19 per cent lower than in the previous year.

Lotus software slumps

LOTUS DEVELOPMENT, the American computer company, blamed poor sales of desktop software for first-quarter losses of $17.5 million, or 36 cents a share, against a profit of $21.3 million, or 45 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenues slumped 18 per cent to $202.6 million from $247 million. Jim Manzi, president and chief executive, said the company remained committed to the desktop business and was encouraged by the growth in its communications business. Lotus said it shipped 220,000 Notes seats, up 57 per cent from a year ago.

IATA predicts growth

THE International Air Transport Association (IATA), celebrating its 50th anniversary, yesterday predicted huge growth, generating many more jobs in the civil aviation industry over the next decade. IATA also said it was probable figures to be issued next week would confirm its 230 member airlines in 135 countries in 1994 made their first profit — about $1 billion — after five years of recession and gradual recovery. Pierre Jeanniot, the director-general, said IATA companies carried 1,200 million passengers and about 19 million tonnes of freight.

Kinkel calls for US-Europe agreement for free trade

From Reuter in Bonn

Kinkel: "US must lead"

EUROPE and North America should unite to form a trans-Atlantic free-trade area, or Tafta, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

Addressing Chicago's Council on Foreign Relations, he urged the United States not to turn in on itself and said Europe and North America must also improve political co-operation.

"We have never needed a political leadership with this goal as we do now in this time of upheaval. And it should come from one country, the United States. America the superpower must stick by its leadership role," he said.

Herr Kinkel said the next step after the successful end of the Uruguay Round of international trade talks was for the European Union and North America to work seriously towards "Tafta".

"Nothing else would bind together the destinies of Europe and America like this project," he added.

PolyGram forms Asian satellite group with MTV

By Martin Waller

DECADENT Western pop music, spearheaded by the likes of Bon Jovi, Bryan Adams and U2, is set to pierce the bamboo curtain and target the young and trendy in downtown Peking — but only if they can lay their hands on a satellite receiver.

PolyGram, the London-quoted music and film producer majority-owned by the Dutch electronics group Philips, is going into partnership with MTV, the all-music channel that is one of America's most successful media exports. They are forming a joint venture that will broadcast two music satellite channels to the entire Asian market.

Pop-lovers in regions as diverse as Hong Kong, New Zealand and the Turkic-speaking central Asian republic of Kyrgyzstan will be the target audience for the English-language channel MTV Asia, to be launched on May 5. But this Friday marks the start of the Chinese-language MTV Mandarin, originating out of Singapore and described as "tailored to the musical tastes, lifestyle and sensibilities of young people in Asia's Chinese market".

PolyGram's contribution to the venture, in which it will hold a 50 per cent stake, is to provide the music videos out of its huge roster of artists. As well as Western groups such as those above, the media combine, which includes record labels such as Island, A&M and Decca, has high hopes of its indigenous product.

The key to success in Far Eastern audiences, PolyGram believes, is to provide local artists with whom audiences can identify. PolyGram already has one Jacky Cheung on its books, described as "an Asian Cliff Richard" although in his early 30s and therefore somewhat younger than the original. His last album sold 3 million copies, a respectable figure even if one that is dwarfed by the 1 billion-strong population of the People's Republic.

China is notorious for the volume of pirated CDs produced quite openly at pressing plants and dumped on the world market. The new venture at least allows PolyGram, which has suffered from this along with all other Western record companies, some degree of control over its product.

Alain Levy, PolyGram's president, said: "While it is a culturally rich region, Asia is becoming increasingly open to world cultural trends."

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 ROMY JOHNSON LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the abovenamed Company will be held at 11.30 on 28 April 1995, at Highcliff Hotel, St Michaels Road, Westcliff, Bournemouth, BH2 5DU, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 26 April or 27 April 1995 Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy in the form attached at Buchler Phillips 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF no later than 12.00 noon on 27 April 1995 Secured Creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting. Date 10 April 1995 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Nigel F W Dyckhoff Director

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The club of greed and ego

☐ THE annual report season is with us, and every day brings another despatch from the executive pay front for the Greenbury Committee to ruminate on. Yesterday saw two more FT-SE 100 bare their directors' darkest secrets to the investing public. Vernon Sankey, the chief executive of Reckitt & Colman, saw his pay packet swell by 25 per cent to £475,000 last year despite watching the profits of his group shrink by 38 per cent. Meanwhile at Guinness, chairman Tony Greener received £704,000, up 9 per cent, while the group increased its profits 5 per cent.

These two examples show just what a large and hairy monster it is that Sir Richard Greenbury and friends are trying to tackle. Mr Sankey no doubt feels he earned his extra groats in a year when Reckitt's underlying profits actually rose 5 per cent and he organised the £1 billion acquisition of Eastman Kodak's L&F Household. So his remuneration committee seems to have thought, since most of his pay increase came in his personal bonus.

But Reckitt is less than a third the size of Guinness, so logic suggests that Mr Sankey should earn less than a third as much as Mr Greener. Instead he earns more than two-thirds of the amount. Besides, Mr Greener was for most of the year doing three jobs, that of chairman, chief executive and head of the spirits division, which makes him look relatively more underpaid or Mr Sankey over-rewarded.

Any survey of executive pay shows that logic never penetrates this exclusive club of greed and ego. There is little or no relationship between the size of a company and the size of its directors' pay packets. Nor is there much of a relationship between the success of a company and its generosity to its leaders, except perhaps an inverse one.

The best-paid executives in Britain tend to be those that can lay a tenuous claim to American status, so that they are compared with a peer group in the US, who are without exception astonishingly well-rewarded. Thus it is John Tugwell, the head of NatWest Bancorp in New Jersey, not his bosses Derek Wanless or Lord Alexander, who is the best-paid employee of National Westminster. When British firms find themselves forced to employ a US citizen to sort out their troubles, they find themselves paying through the nose for the pleasure. The only means that the investing public has of restraining executive pay is to embarrass company chiefs into modesty and self-restraint. In that respact the Greenbury Committee has fulfilled its main objective. The barrage of publicity the subject has received will make any company think twice before bestowing over-generous rewards on its top directors, and that should be more of an obstacle than any Greenbury guidelines. Next year's crop of annual reports will reveal just how sensitive company directors are to public sentiment.

Trade, not aid for the dollar

☐ WALL STREETERS are doing little to aid their sagging reserve currency. Faced with a February trade gap $1 billion less than predicted and $2 billion less than January's, analysts could have hailed a new dawn in America's trade. They could have argued that the dollar's decline had finally turned the

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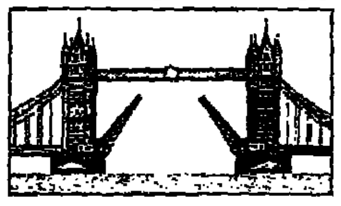

tide, boosting exports and curbing imports to the country's still-booming economy. They could have pointed to the widening farm trade surplus, to the fourth monthly drop in the bilateral deficit with Japan or to the downward revision of the January deficit. They did not.

Instead, the reactions reflected ingrained gloom, keenness to justify mistaken predictions and, just possibly, a desire to back short positions on the dollar. The February figures were dismissed as an exception to regular $10-billion-a-month deficit. Irregular aircraft sales accounted for half the rise in exports. The deficit with Japan was higher than a year ago.

Yet the impact of devaluation cannot be dismissed. America's trade with Mexico made a deficit of $2.1 billion in the first two months of this year against a surplus of $370 million last year. That is down to excessive devaluation of the peso.

Few Americans really think the dollar needs to fall further to make US goods competitive. Much of the deficit is cyclical, or due to the efforts of the Kirk Kerkorians of the 1980s to denude industry of resources. Rather, they do not care about the deficit or the dollar. If they did, they would have to raise interest rates, risk killing a mature boom and do nasty things to asset prices. So long as they do not care, unstable currency markets are a Japanese and European problem. In the 1980s, when America joined in the Plaza and Louvre accords, the problem was an over-buoyant dollar, which could be helped by lower US taxes, higher growth and more jobs.

In repeating his call for co-ordination to still the foreign exchanges, the IMF's Michel Camdessus therefore faces a battle against political expediency in Washington next week. If that leads to a bias towards growth, however, it may be no bad thing.

Cable in a knot

☐ THE fledgeling cable TV sector, the recipient of so many hopes over the past few months, is in trouble again. The slide in the share price of TeleWest could not have come at a worst time for those who had planned to be second and third into the market, General Cable and Nynex.

The market is having some difficulty in disentangling the causes of that share price collapse and the resulting woes of General Cable. There have certainly been too many cable flotations, both actual and planned, and the last one in the US, Videotron on Nasdaq, was a disaster. Videotron was marketed in a price range of $18.50 to $20, the range was then cut to $17.50-$18.50 and the auctioner's hammer finally came down at $17.05.

But the investor resistance, especially in the US, that has hit General Cable and sent the advisers to Nynex into a worried huddle may be more deep-seated than that. Cable was to have created a whole new sector of the London stock market and a fashionable one to boot, the whole Internet and Information Superhighway buzz transferred from the lifestyle to the business pages and made flesh for investors to buy into. But the concern is now whether the great British public, as opposed to those that claim to form their opinions for them, is keen on having quite so many more TV channels to interact with. American investors, used to take-up rates that put cable into three households for every five offered it, took fright at market penetration of just 20 per cent that was being achieved in Britain and churn rates of 50 per cent, which translates into a business losing half its customers a year.

In addition, there was a residual concern in London over the discounted cash-flow multiples used to buttress the cable flotations second time around, after a couple had already stumbled last year. It was, therefore, probably not very tactful last week of Eurotunnel, subject to a similar financial model, to expose its scars again quite so publicly and so close to the cable companies' marketing campaigns.

Pearson to move FT printing

PEARSON, the international media conglomerate, is to take a £33 million exceptional charge this year after a radical reorganisation of its printing arrangements for the *Financial Times* in the UK (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The group is moving production from its existing East India Dock site in London to West Ferry Printers, a joint venture between the printers for the Telegraph and Express newspaper groups. Up to 150 jobs could be lost.

Pearson said the move would improve profitability of the *Financial Times* and enable it to take advantage of recent advances in printing technology. John Makinson, managing director of the *Financial Times*, said continued ownership of a dedicated London printing plant would hold back the newspaper's development given the likelihood of further consolidation in the industry and advances in technology. "In taking this decision we are looking well beyond the current price war and surge in newsprint prices," he said.

Some £5 million of the £33 million exceptional charge is to cover redundancy costs while the remainder relates to a write-down of fixed assets. The reorganisation is expected to generate annual cost savings of £6 million.

The *Financial Times* has an average daily circulation of about 290,000. Last year it made operating profits of £18.9 million, a 55 per cent rise on 1993.

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Kodak takes right image for profit

EASTMAN KODAK said its imaging sales led to a huge leap in first-quarter profits, confirming the management's strategy of concentrating on its core business (Sean Mac Carthaigh writes from New York).

The company reported a 47 per cent jump in US consumer imaging sales to $486 million for the January to March period, and a 48 per cent rise in US consumer imaging operating profits to $152 million.

Net earnings for the quarter were $262 million, or 77 cents a share, compared to $82 million, or 25 cents per share, last time.

Unit volumes were central to an overall rise in sales for the quarter to $3.14 billion, compared with $2.76 billion in the 1994 period, said George Fisher, the chairman: "Although currency effects boosted sales, most of this growth was due to volume increases resulting from good demand for traditional photographic products, led by sales of Kodacolor films and Ektacolor papers."

Mr Fisher said earnings also benefited from lower interest expense, higher than normal interest income and improved cost management and productivity.

Demand for company's products is expected to remain strong

Surge in packaging boosts Smurfit

By Sarah Bagnall

A SURGE in demand for paper and packaging products on the back of the worldwide economic recovery, together with sharply higher product prices, helped Jefferson Smurfit, the Irish packaging group, lift full-year profits by 39 per cent.

The rise took profits before tax and exceptional items to Ir£118.8 million in the 11 months to December 31. Including a net exceptional profit of Ir£198.3 million, compared with a net loss of Ir£37.6 million last time, profits rose to a record Ir£317.1 million. This compares to a profit of Ir£42.5 million in the year to January 31.

Jefferson Smurfit produces more than seven million tonnes of paper and board a year and is the world's biggest producer of containerboard, corrugated containers and folding cartons, as well as the largest collector of waste paper.

Profits were boosted by a first-time contribution from Cellulose du Pin, the French company bought last year, and Nettingsdorfer, the German company in which Smurfit has bought a stake. Together they contributed Ir£8.9 million to operating profits. The company was hit by the devaluation of the Mexican peso in December.

Dermot Smurfit, joint deputy chairman, said: "With the strong demand and continuing price appreciation forecast for the paper sector we are optimistic about the future of the group."

The final dividend rose 42 per cent from 2.77p to 3.93p, making a total for the year of 5.33p (4p). The dividend, due June 30, is being paid out of pre-exceptional earnings of 16.7p a share, up from 12.2p last time.

Mr Smurfit said the increase "is giving as strong a message as we can of the board's confidence in the future".

As economic recovery continues, demand for the group's products is expected to remain strong. Total world consumption of paper and board is forecast to grow by about 20 per cent — or 60 million tonnes — by 2000. Mr Smurfit expects an explosion in demand in the Far East, where demand for corrugated case materials is forecast to double over the next seven years. Europe and the Americas are expected to grow at up to four per cent a year.

Geographically, the company has a strong presence in Ireland and the UK, Continental Europe, Latin America and the US. Mr Smurfit said the group intends to expand into the Far East and was looking at investing in some Eastern European countries. The shares remained unchanged at 359p.

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DES JENSON

Dermot Smurfit says the dividend shows the board's confidence in the future

USAir cuts loss in first quarter

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

USAIR, British Airways' troubled American partner, reported reduced first quarter losses yesterday, indicating that at least the airline is moving in the direction of profitability. The company lost $118 million, or $1.91 per share, after payment of preferred dividends in the three months to the end of March. Last year, over the same period, USAir lost $216 million, or $3.64 per share. Despite the improvement, the firm reported that its revenues had slipped from $1.76 billion to $1.69 billion.

"Everyone in this company has been intensely focused on the dual goals of cutting costs and improving service, and the results from the first quarter show that these efforts are taking hold," said Seth Schofield, USAir's chairman and chief executive.

The company said passenger revenues for March were the highest in its history. Mr Schofield said USAir ended the first quarter with cash in excess of $400 million and, barring unforeseen circumstances, expects to end the year with at least that amount.

In January, USAir announced it would cut 10 per cent of its flights to save money. Talks with staff to improve efficiency continue this month and executives say the company must cut annual costs by $1 billion to survive.

Last month, details of a new cost-cutting proposal emerged from closed meetings between management and USAir pilots. Although the deal is being kept secret until it is approved by other unions, it centres on a 20 per cent stake of the company and seats on the board for employees in exchange for wage concessions.

"The cost reduction and revenue enhancement efforts are continuing. We are making progress toward the $1 billion solution to make USAir a cost-competitive airline," Mr Schofield said yesterday.

Last week, the firm's auditor, KPMG Peat Marwick, said that time was running out for the carrier.

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AT&T rises in first quarter

AT&T, the communications group, reported a 12 per cent increase in profits for the first quarter, while MCI Communications, its rival, registered double-digit growth in both income and revenues.

AT&T earnings rose to $1.2 billion, or 76 cents a share, from $1.1 billion, or 69 cents a share, a year ago, mainly because of strong product sales and increased revenues from its long-distance and wireless services and its financial service units.

MCI said its net income had increased 16.7 per cent to $244 million, or 36 cents per share, while revenues were up 10.6 per cent to $3.6 billion.

AT&T said that it restated previously financial results to include the recently acquired McCaw Cellular Communications.

Robert Allen, the chairman of AT&T, said that the company would continue to target earnings growth of at least 10 per cent on an annual basis.

PPI assets were offered to Nadir

By Colin Narbrough

ADMINISTRATORS of the collapsed Polly Peck International (PPI), desperate to try to sell the company's troublesome assets in northern Cyprus, at one point offered them to Asil Nadir, the fugitive former head of PPI.

The unsuccessful approach was disclosed yesterday by Chris Barlow, of Coopers & Lybrand, the adminstrators, in response to inquiries about persistant rumours in Nicosia that Learned Ltd, the company that last month bought the bulk of PPI assets in northern Cyprus was a front for Mr Nadir.

Elmas Guzelyurtlu, the Turkish Cypriot businessman who on March 24 signed an agreement with Coopers & Lybrand transferring shares in a number of PPI businesses to Learned, yesterday rejected as "complete nonsense" any suggestion that Mr Nadir was behind Learned.

Speaking from Nicosia, he said he had "started to to have a good dialogue" with Mr Nadir, as he saw no reason for a conflict. Mr Guzelyurtlu's Nicosia bank was bombed by unknown assailants on New Year's Eve after it emerged that he was bidding for PPI assets in northern Cyprus.

Mr Nadir, who jumped £3.5 million bail in England in 1993 and fled to his native northern Cyprus is charged with theft involving £34 million. But he is not wanted in northern Cyprus, which has no extradition treaty with Britain.

The amount Learned paid the administrators has not been disclosed by either side, but it is understood that Mr Guzelyurtlu agreed to pay $7 million, the bulk of which is in cash, and take on $9 million of PPI's local debts. The local PPI portfolio had a book value of around £50 million.

Mr Barlow said the administrators had accepted a "fair" offer. He said the administrators knew that Learned was an off-the-shelf company with no substantial assets. "We have in the past suggested to Nadir that he make an offer," Mr Barlow said, adding however that the administrators had had no response from him.

Ford accelerates to earn $1.55bn in first quarter

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

FORD'S first quarter earnings touched $1.55 billion, up from $904 million for the 1994 period, but some analysts were disappointed with the company's US car sales. In Europe, where Ford's operations include Jaguar, the group reported earnings of $165 million, up from $112 million last year.

"This was another strong quarter," said Alex Trotman, Ford's British-born chairman and chief executive. "It marked the ninth consecutive quarter of year-over-year improvement for the total company as well as for our automotive operations."

Worldwide sales and revenues were for the company were $34.8 billion, compared with $30.4 billion in the year ago period. On a per share basis, Ford earned $1.44, against 83 cents for January to March 1994. Last year's results include a $440 million charge for the sale of First Nationwide Bank.

Mr Trotman said that Ford would continue to invest in new products, linking this strategy to improved market shares in many regions of the world. Ford's truck business in the US was expanding rapidly, he added.

"We continued moving forward in Europe, with higher shares for both Fiesta and Scorpio. And we achieved a 12.5 per cent combined car and truck share in Europe, which was the best since 1983," Mr Trotman said.

Jack Kernan, an auto industry specialist at Salomon Brothers, said he had expected better figures from America's second largest car manufacturer: "The composition of earnings was relatively poor with a weaker contribution from Ford's auto business, particularly in the US."

"There was some near-term weakening of industry vehicle sales in North America, but Ford was still able to achieve good overall results," Mr Trotman said in the report.

Ford, which along with General Motors and Chrysler announced record annual profits in January, is currently restructuring. It is merging some North American and European operations.

Albright meets profit target

By Susan Gilchrist

ALBRIGHT & WILSON, the chemical company spun off from its US parent earlier this year, yesterday confirmed the profit estimates made in its flotation prospectus and said trading in the current year was in line with expectations.

The group made pre-tax profits of £40.7 million in the year to December 25 compared with £58.3 million in the previous period, exactly in line with its flotation forecast.

Profits at the group, which makes ingredients for a host of household and food products including shampoo, toothpaste and Coca-Cola, were depressed by £20.2 million of exceptional items.

These included £6.8 million relating to the restructuring of some of its European businesses, a £9.8 million increase in its provision for environmental clean-up costs and £3.7 million to cover exchange losses at the group's recently-acquired Mexican joint venture following the devaluation of the peso. Excluding these one-off charges, underlying profits rose by 11 per cent.

The group is looking to drive profits byintroducing new products and expanding further internationally. By 1998, it says, a fifth of turnover will come from products launched within the past five years compared with 14 per cent currently.

Robin Paul, chief executive, said contining weakness in Europe had been offset by a strong contribution from North America.

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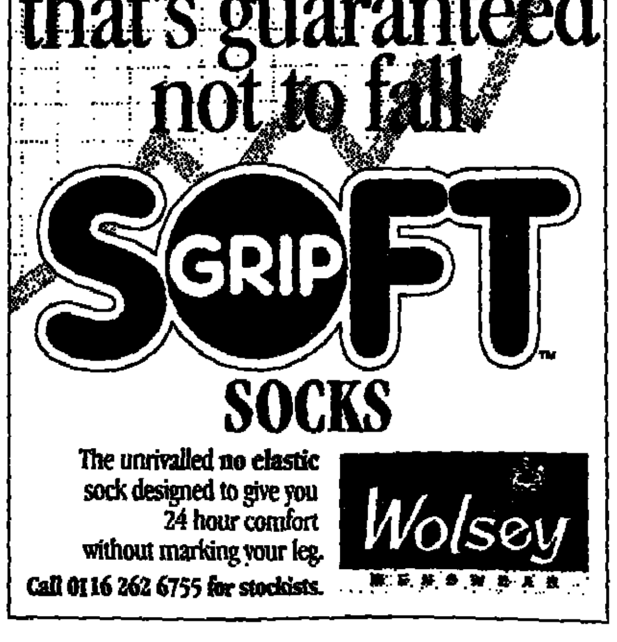

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares suffer as pound follows dollar's decline

THE latest wobble by the pound on the world's currency markets and the potential damage for the economy hung like a cloud over the Square Mile with the equity market and government bonds coming under the hammer.

As sterling continued to follow the dollar lower, investors began to worry about the likelihood of another rise in interest rates. These fears were heightened by publication of the minutes of last month's monetary policy meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, in which the pound's weakness featured prominently. Both men made it clear they were prepared to hoist rates if weakness in the currency persisted.

An opening fall of almost 20 points in the Dow Jones average on Wall Street merely helped to compound an otherwise gloomy day that left the FT-SE 100 index *just above its low for the day. It was left nursing a fall of 24.4 at 3,170.1.*

Trading generally remained thin with just 532 million shares traded. The final figure would have been even lower had it not been for a mixed programme trade believed to have been carried out by Goldman Sachs, the US securities house. It included a number of large lines of stock, including 3.94 million **Hanson**, 2p cheaper at 237p, 2.1 million **National Westminster Bank**, 9p off at 542p, 1.74 million **British Gas**, 3p firmer at 301p, 1.56 million **TSB Group**, 5½ down at 236½p, 1.51 million **MFI Furniture**, 1p dearer at 123p, and 1.3 million **Great Universal Stores**, 5p weaker at 574p.

Medeva ran into profit-taking, losing 11p at 246½p as the speculators waited for the outcome of bid talks with Fisons. Both sides have been involved in informal talks for the past few months discussing everything from joint ventures to a possible merger.

Dealers are talking of a bid *of 300p a share for Medeva, valuing the entire company at £900 million. Fisons has made* several disposals in recent months, raising £500 million after a major restructuring programme. Claims that Zeneca may step in with a bid for Fisons lifted its price 5p to 179p. **Zeneca** finished 1p firmer at 894p.

Speculative buying was good for a rise of 6p to 594p in **Kwik Save**, stretching its lead during the past five trading days to 37p. There has been talk *that Dairy Farms, the Hong Kong-based food group, may be willing to sell its near 30 per cent stake in the shares. The names of both Netto and Lidl* continued to be mentioned as potential suitors. Last year's bid by Tesco for the Scottish food retailer Wm Low remains fresh in the minds of most speculators.

Meanwhile, the speculators were again feeding themselves a steady diet of shares in **United Biscuits**, the Crawfords, KP and McVitie food group chaired by Sir Robert Clarke, as the price firmed 3½p to 343½p. A line of 1.86 million UB shares went through the market.

Once again there is talk of a bid from the cash rich **Associated British Foods**. Even *Hanson is being tipped as a potential predator. Brokers say Hanson is likely to be attracted by UB's portfolio of strong brand names.*

The dollar's continuing *plight meant another bumpy ride for the insurance composites with some of the bigger companies worried about the impact of currency fluctuations on their profits. After their recent strong run there were losses recorded in* **Commercial Union**, 17p to 551p, **General Accident**, 12p to 577p, **Royal Insurance**, 7p to 293p and **Sun Alliance**, 7p to 330p.

There was a two-way pull in shares of **Prudential Corporation** as the price dipped 12p to 314p. Cazenove, the broker, was believed to be recommending *the shares to clients* but rival Kleinwort Benson is urging that they be sold. There were also losses for **Legal & General**, 11p to 461p, **Lloyds Abbey**, 7p to 359p, and **United Friendly**, 13p to 590p.

Etam, the fashion retailer, *marked time at 194p after announcing plans to strengthen the board. It has appointed* Nick Hollingworth, currently heading the Evan division of Burton Group, as managing director. Rodney East becomes deputy chairman.

Jefferson Smurfit marked time at 359p despite a leap in pretax profits last year of almost 40 per cent to Ir£118.8 million. This was struck before an exceptional gain of IR£198 million relating to the write-back of provisions for a previous investment.

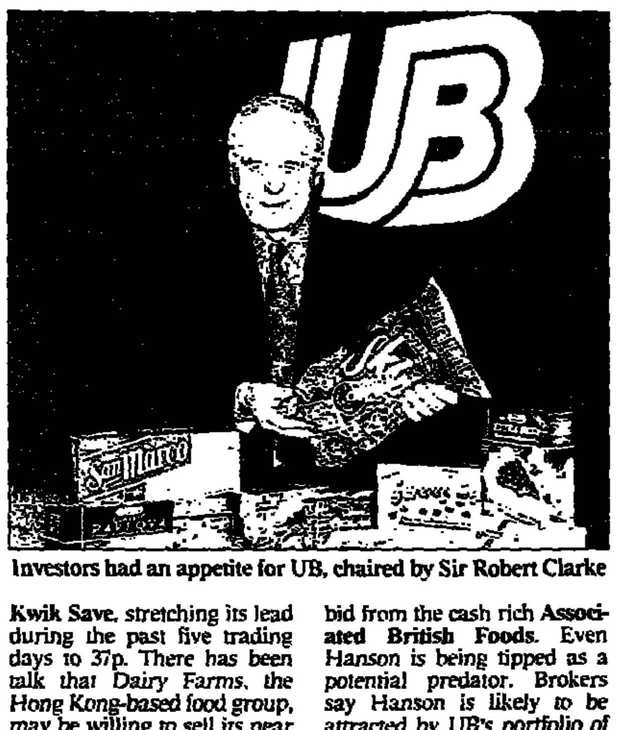
Oriel, the USM-quoted insurance broker, dropped 10p to 94p despite a return to the black last year with pretax profits of £3.5 million compared with a loss last time of £1.9 million. The group said it was looking for a partner for its telephone broking business CGA Direct in order to expand.

Albright & Wilson, the specialist chemicals group floated off from Tenneco in March, slipped 1p to 173p after issuing a trading statement. It said business since the start of 1995 had been broadly in line with expectations. Last year pretax profits dropped from £58 million to £41 million after an exceptional charge of £20.2 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices *opened lower reflecting the renewed weakness in sterling* and a possible rise in rates to counter it. The losses were accelerated in late trading as US Treasury bonds opened lower and succeeded in dragging other bond markets with them. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed £$^{27}/_{32}$ lower at £103$^{13}/_{32}$ as 52,000 contracts were completed.

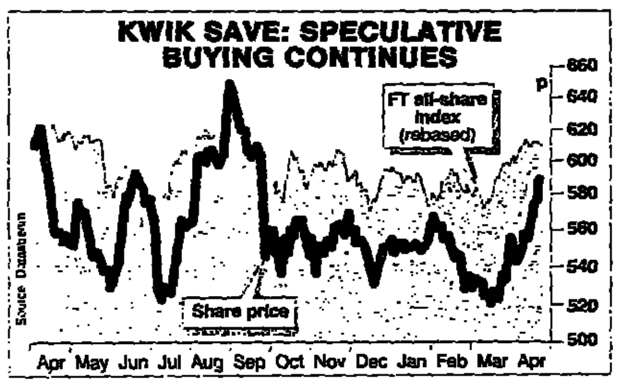
Among conventional issues, the biggest losses were seen at the longer end where benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 *fell almost £$^{7}/_{8}$ to £96$^{17}/_{32}$, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 dropped £$^{11}/_{32}$ to £98¾.*

☐ **NEW YORK:** A weaker bond market and concern over the dollar led to profit taking in shares on Wall Street and by midday the Dow Jones average was down 5.88 points at 4,173.25.



Investors had an appetite for UB, chaired by Sir Robert Clarke

Vodafone, the mobile phone operator, fell 3½p to 183p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the stockbrokers, reiterated a bearish stance. Hoare is worried about increasing pressure on margins and is convinced the situation could deteriorate further, particularly if new telephone licences are granted.



KWIK SAVE: SPECULATIVE BUYING CONTINUES

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	4173.25 (-5.88)
S&P Composite	503.11 (-2.26)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	16376.08 (+150.97)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	8581.86 (-63.11)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	404.34 (-1.13)

Sydney:

AO	2040.4 (-0.1)

Frankfurt:

DAX	1951.04 (-14.35)

Singapore:

Straits	2035.67 (-15.42)

Brussels:

General	7144.86 (-33.82)

Paris:

CAC-40	1874.90 (+19.20)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	580.00 (-5.70)

London:

FT 30	2419.5 (-14.5)
FT 100	3170.1 (-24.4)
FT-SE Mid 250	3482.6 (-10.6)
FT-SE-A 350	1575.6 (-10.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1262.20 (-7.29)
FT A All-Share	1556.15 (-9.59)
FT Non Financials	1679.19 (-7.30)
FT Fixed Interest	111.26 (-0.07)
FT Govt Secs	92.12 (-0.211)
Bargains	20971
SEAQ Volume	607.5m
USM (Datastrm)	150.88 (-0.08)
US$	1.6178 (+0.0048)
German Mark	2.1900 (-0.0155)
Exchange Index	83.9 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1907
£:SDR	1.0162
RPI	147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	173	-1
Beale	171	...
Biocomp Int (170)	171	...
Brit Aerospace Uts	132	-6
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dailywin (128)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	155	...
Expro Int (175)	174	...
For/Col Uts (100)	100	...
Geared Inc IT (100)	98	-1
Nat Power (p/p) (476)	177	...
PTS Group (90)	92	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	191	+1½
Precoat Intl (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	317	+5
Schroder Inc Gth Uts	535	...
Scot Oriental Smlr (100)	98	...
Superframe Wts	6	+1
Vision Group (97)	151	-2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Arcon Intl n/p (Ir20p)	¼	...
Bolton Group n/p (23)	½	...
Guinness Peat n/p (20)	5½	+ ¼
Inspec Group n/p (175)	38	...
TBI n/p (35)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

GWR Gp	900p (+15p)
Thomson Corp	805p (+30p)
Sth Western	684p (+9p)
Copymore	160p (+10p)
Austin Reed	213p (+7p)
Sth Wales	702p (+11p)
Kwik Save	594p (+6p)

FALLS:

Abbey Nat	454p (-9p)
Kleinwort Ben	629p (-14p)
Lloyds	609p (-14p)
Gen Accident	577p (-12p)
Oriel	94p (-10p)
Utd Friendly	590p (-13p)
Carlton Comm	915p (-13p)
RMC Gp	1018p (-14p)
Wolseley	337p (-10p)
Northern Elec	767p (-13p)
Com Union	551p (-17p)

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TEMPUS

Pressed out of service

THERE must have been some wailing and gnashing of teeth around Pearson's boardroom *when it decided to close the Financial Times's* printworks. The *state-of-the-art* plant in London's Docklands cost about £50 million seven years ago and no expense was spared.

The plant has since become an expensive white elephant, particularly since it lost the contract to print the *Observer*. It prints just 170,000 newspapers a night, but was so *ludicrously over-engineered when it was built that it has the capacity for three times that* amount. The plant was ordered in the heady Eighties, when the *FT*'s ciculation was expected to continue rising. Pearson was flush with cash from the sale of Bracken House in the City to the Japanese and wanted another trophy building. Its hopes of filling the presses with contract printing have been dashed by cheaper and more eager competition.

While the investment has been disastrous, *the fact that Pearson has had the courage to order the closure suggests its management is a great deal tougher and clearer-headed than* they were seven years ago. By contracting the printing out to West Ferry Printers the group will save £6 million a year, cash that can be recycled into the *FT's* international expansion. Next month the newspaper starts printing in *Los Angeles, its seventh location, and the group looks close to adding Hong Kong to the* list. This expansion is costly, but vital if the *FT* is to make good its pretensions as a global newspaper. In any case, Pearson's shareholders should be comforted to know that their group is run by managers who care more about cash flow than corporate pride.

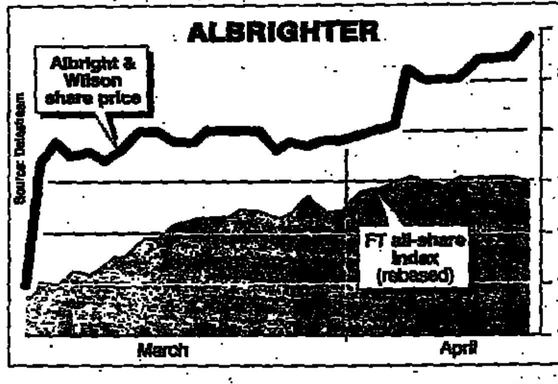
Albright & Wilson

SHARES in Albright & Wilson have lost the bargain basement appeal they held when they were floated last month at 150p. Their subsequent rise provided a decent profit for the stags but now at 173p they are much closer to the sector average and show little sign of outperforming further for the time being.

The company's results for 1994 told the City what it expected to hear. The profit was directly in line with forecasts; uninspiring since *most companies manage to beat their forecasts by a small margin, if only for* appearances' sake.

The outlook for 1995 confirms that Albright is heading for the steady but dull sector of the market. Its quest is to lift the operating mar*gins in its surfactants division closer to those in its* leading phosphates division, but this will be a slow task since much of the surfactants industry is still a commodity business and Albight is beset by powerful competitors.

Albright's management, on the investment front, seems far keener on organic growth than acquisitions. *The group's goal of generating a fifth of its turnover from new products by 1998 shows how highly it values* its development arm. Although this should generate greater returns in the long run, it is not a path to instant riches. On 12 times current year earnings, the shares are solid value but unlikely to set anyone's adrenaline racing.



ALBRIGHTER

Stakis

YESTERDAY'S purchase by the resurgent Stakis, while solid and at the sort of price the market favours, was not the mega-deal some have *been urging on the group. Corby may be a less than exciting destination but the* Carlton Manor comes with a large amount of land and lends itself to the conference and banqueting area that is one way of expanding the average yield faster than the market as a whole.

But there is no doubt that Stakis is well aware of the opportunities in the hotels market and has looked at the top chains. If David Michels, the chief executive, does take the plunge he has some *highly-rated paper to back any purchase.* Stakis shares, *near-worthless when the new* management took control four years ago, now sell on a rating of 16 times' this year's profits, assuming a pre-tax figure of £27 million, and the trading update will do little to dent this. The figures on occupancy rates were actually somewhat better than they appeared because of the 400-odd rooms Stakis had out of commission for refurbish*ment during the first quarter, including a third of its London flagship St Ermin's. Stakis says demand has im*proved across its various categories, and while there has been no attempt to push up tarriffs in the traditionally quiet first quarter, average room rates went ahead as discounting fell. The group's current share rating is looking a long way forward, but the City is happy to do so.

Jefferson Smurfit

SMURFIT yesterday delivered a sackful of delights for shareholders who backed last September's Ir£155 mil*lion rights issue. While the surge in packaging and paper prices last year almost* guaranteed the group would turn in an impressive set of profit figures, the real surprise was the 33 per cent increase in the dividend to Ir5.33p.

The increase and the one for once capitalisation issue was a consolation for investors who have seen the *group's shares drop sharply in recent days in response to* the sudden downturn of Wall Street's paper stocks. Smurfit stresses that it is now a global company and is applying for an ADR listing in the US, but it is learning that an international profile has its penalties.

But the group's own fortunes are still in the ascen*dent.* Last year's acquisitions are already contributing modestly and gearing remains low at 28 per cent *thanks to the release of a Ir£200 million provision against the US associate.* The shares, on more than 20 times 1994 earnings, suggest the market has already fully valued future progress.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.70	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.50	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.10	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.95	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.70	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd) GAS OIL

BRENT (6.00pm)

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	119.15	May	111.75
Jul	120.10	Sep	103.50
Sep	104.90	Nov	105.00
Nov	105.90	Jan	106.75
Jan	107.90	Mar	108.00
Volume: 519		Volume: 25	

POTATO (£/t)

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

LIFFE OPTIONS

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3205.0	3208.0	3171.0	3180.0	17994
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95	3212.0	3212.0	3203.0	3203.0	119
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3499.0	3500.0	3496.0	3495.0	57
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.94	92.94	92.86	92.86	29325
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95	92.49	92.49	92.39	92.40	22091
	Dec 95	92.14	92.15	92.06	92.07	7353
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.69	0
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95				93.54	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.38	95.39	95.32	95.35	23521
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95	95.20	95.25	95.13	95.17	52794
Long Gilt	Jun 95	104-06	104-08	103-12	103-12	53423
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95	103-15	103-20	103-06	103-02	303
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	116.55	116.71	116.30	116.50	3344
	Sep 95				115.60	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	92.54	93.01	92.54	92.35	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95				91.79	0
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.40	93.42	93.40	93.44	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95	93.40	93.44	93.39	93.41	521
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.52	96.59	96.49	96.56	4356
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95	96.48	96.44	96.39	96.45	1748
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	[illegible]	[illegible]	92.43	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 95				92.39	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks [illegible] Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O'night high [illegible] Low 4 Week fixed [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible] close 4					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.70	n/a	6.10	6.25	6.46
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb [illegible] 1995 to Mar 27, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87% Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: [illegible] %

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $[illegible] **Close:** $395.50-396.00 **High:** $397.30-397.80
Low: $[illegible] **AM:** $396.95 **PM:** $395.55

Krugerrand: $[illegible] (£246.50-248.50)

Platinum: $[illegible] **Silver:** $5.[illegible] (£3.455) **Palladium:** $170.25 (£105.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4505-2.4625	2.4505-2.4537	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	45.00-45.27	45.00-45.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	8.6620-8.6770	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	[illegible]	0.9726-0.9750	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	2.1868-2.1999	2.1868-2.1990	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	231.50-233.07	231.50-232.14	[illegible]	227-246ds
Madrid	198.66-199.71	198.62-199.21	46-60ds	144-152ds
Milan	2751.50-2781.40	2771.50-2781.40	9-11ds	29-31ds
Montreal	2.2121-2.2193	2.2162-2.2193	0.35-0.43ds	0.55-0.60ds
New York	1.6136-1.6190	1.6170-1.6190	0.02pr-par	0.15-0.11pr
Oslo	9.8760-9.9150	9.8760-9.8910	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.7550-7.7940	7.7750-7.7940	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.7530-11.8250	11.7530-11.8080	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	130.62-131.46	130.62-130.87	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	15.39-15.49	15.41-15.44	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	1.8013-1.8105	1.8013-1.8041	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3572-1.3581
Austria	9.54-9.55
Belgium (Com)	27.92-27.95
Canada	1.3711-1.3716
Denmark	5.3560-5.3610
France	4.8165-4.8185
Germany	1.3545-1.3550
Hong Kong	7.7305-7.7315
Ireland	1.6580-1.6615
Italy	1713.00-1715.00
Japan	81.14-81.17
Malaysia	2.4656-2.4666
Netherlands	1.5190-1.5155
Norway	6.1140-6.1190
Portugal	143.43-143.53
Singapore	1.3925-1.3935
Spain	123.14-123.24
Sweden	7.3005-7.3105
Switzerland	1.1166-1.1171

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6135-1.6162
Australia dollar	2.1910-2.1934
Bahrain dinar	0.6000-0.6150
Brazil real*	1.4586-1.4628
China yuan	13.10 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6960-0.7060
Finland markka	6.7150-6.5310
Greece drachma	351.75-358.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.4793-12.4964
India rupee	50.28-51.24
Indonesia rupiah	3567.00-3635.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4630-0.4730
Malaysia ringgit	3.9809-3.9842
New Zealand dollar	2.4040-2.4069
Pakistan rupee	49.84 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.0000-5.1250
Singapore dollar	2.2478-2.2501
S Africa rand (com)	5.9013-5.9074
U A E dirham	5.8750-5.9990

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	96	Legal & Gn	1,500
ASDA Gp	9,800	Lloyds Bk	4,500
Abbey Natl	5,200	MEPC	59
Allied Dom	632	Marks Spr	2,100
Argyll Gp	2,100	NatWst Bk	15,000
Arjo Wiggn	1,900	Nat Power	3,200
AB Foods	1,200	Nth Wst W	522
BAA	1,200	P & O	1,400
BAT Inds	4,400	Pearson	3,000
BOC	1,700	PowerGen	598
BP	6,800	Prudential	5,800
BTR	9,600	RMC	667
BT	4,500	RTZ	1,300
Bk of Scot	1,800	Rank Org	1,200
Barclays	7,500	Reckitt Col	1,600
Bass	1,800	Redland	1,700
Blue Circle	2,400	Reed Intl	2,100
Boots	980	Rentokil	2,200
Bowater	1,100	Reuters	2,900
Brit Aero	1,500	Rolls Royce	4,500
Brit Airways	1,400	Rvl Ins	2,200
Brit Gas	7,100	Rvl Bk Scot	1,500
Brit Steel	17,000	Sainsbury	1,600
Burmah Cstl	381	Schroders	6
Cable Wire	3,600	Scot & New	652
Cadbury	780	Scot Power	1,500
Caradon	507	Sears	2,700
Carlton Cms	375	Svrn Trent	579
Cm Union	1,000	Shell Trans	3,000
Courtaulds	104	Siebe	397
De La Rue	1,100	SmKl Bch	2,100
Eastern Elec	511	Smith Nph	3,700
Enterpr Oil	1,700	Sthern Elec	200
Forte	4,200	Std Chartd	2,000
GKN	773	Sun Allnce	3,500
GRE	1,800	TI Gp	1,000
GUS	2,100	TSB	1,500
Gen Acc	1,100	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Gen Elec	3,600	Tesco	4,500
Glaxo	3,500	Thames W	432
Granada	385	Thrn EMI	2,300
Grand Met	4,700	Tomkins	4,400
Guinness	1,500	Unilever	1,300
HSBC	4,000	Utd Bisc	2,800
Hanson	11,000	Vodafone	17,000
ICI	1,400	Warburg	533
Inchcape	2,600	Whitbread	1,100
Kingfisher	3,400	Wlms Hld	2,400
Ladbroke	1,900	Wolseley	3,700
Land Secs	232	Zeneca	705

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

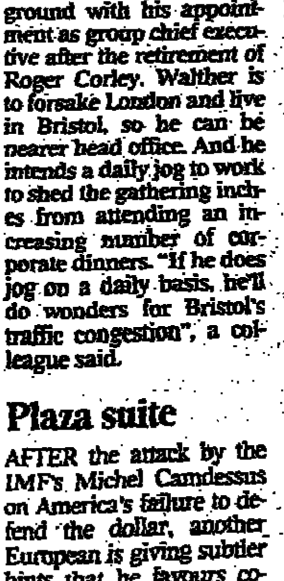
Felt collars all round

CITY firms will see more of the boys in blue, if George Staple, Director-General of the Serious Fraud Office, and the gang at Elm House have any say in the matter. The SFO recently "raided" a bank and an accountancy firm on behalf of the Argentine authorities, *The Lawyer* reports, and the SFO is poised to step up its activities on behalf of foreign governments, after a widening of its Section Two powers. Under an extension granted in February, the SFO is able to use the powers — that give it the right to demand access to documents and information — to assist inquiries from abroad, provided the initial request comes via the Home Secretary. The Argentinians needed help obtaining documents relating to the BCCI collapse — hence the impromptu visit to an (unnamed) London bank and the offices of Touche Ross, BCCI's liquidator. A raid on a US bank is said to be imminent.

Irish luck

JEFFERSON SMURFIT, the Irish paper and packaging group, is sore with the Stock Exchange. Despite having the critical mass to warrant a place in the FT-SE 100, it is excluded on grounds of being registered in the Republic of Ireland. Under Stock Exchange rules, a company must be UK-registered to qualify — a requirement the exchange admits is at odds with itself, as it quotes UK and Irish shares.

EDSON MITCHELL, 41, who on Tuesday said goodbye to Merrill Lynch — he had been there 15 years and was co-head of global fixed income — joins Deutsche Bank on May 1 as world head of global markets, based in London.



"That reminds me — how goes the pound today?"

Bristol-bound

ROBERT WALTHER, 30 years with Clerical Medical, will be treading new ground with his appointment as group chief executive after the retirement of Roger Corley. Walther is to forsake London and live in Bristol, so he can be nearer head office. And he intends a daily jog to work to shed the gathering inches from attending an increasing number of corporate dinners. "If he does jog on a daily basis, he'll do wonders for Bristol's traffic congestion", a colleague said.

Plaza suite

AFTER the attack by the IMF's Michel Camdessus on America's failure to defend the dollar, another European is giving subtler hints that he favours co-ordinated action by governments to calm the foreign exchanges. This seemingly unlikely interventionist is Kenneth Clarke. The Chancellor has chosen to speak to the press before next week's G7 meeting in the Louvre suite at New York's Plaza hotel, a venue linking the names of the two famous accords of the 1980s, when dollar strength was the world's problem. The message is clear.

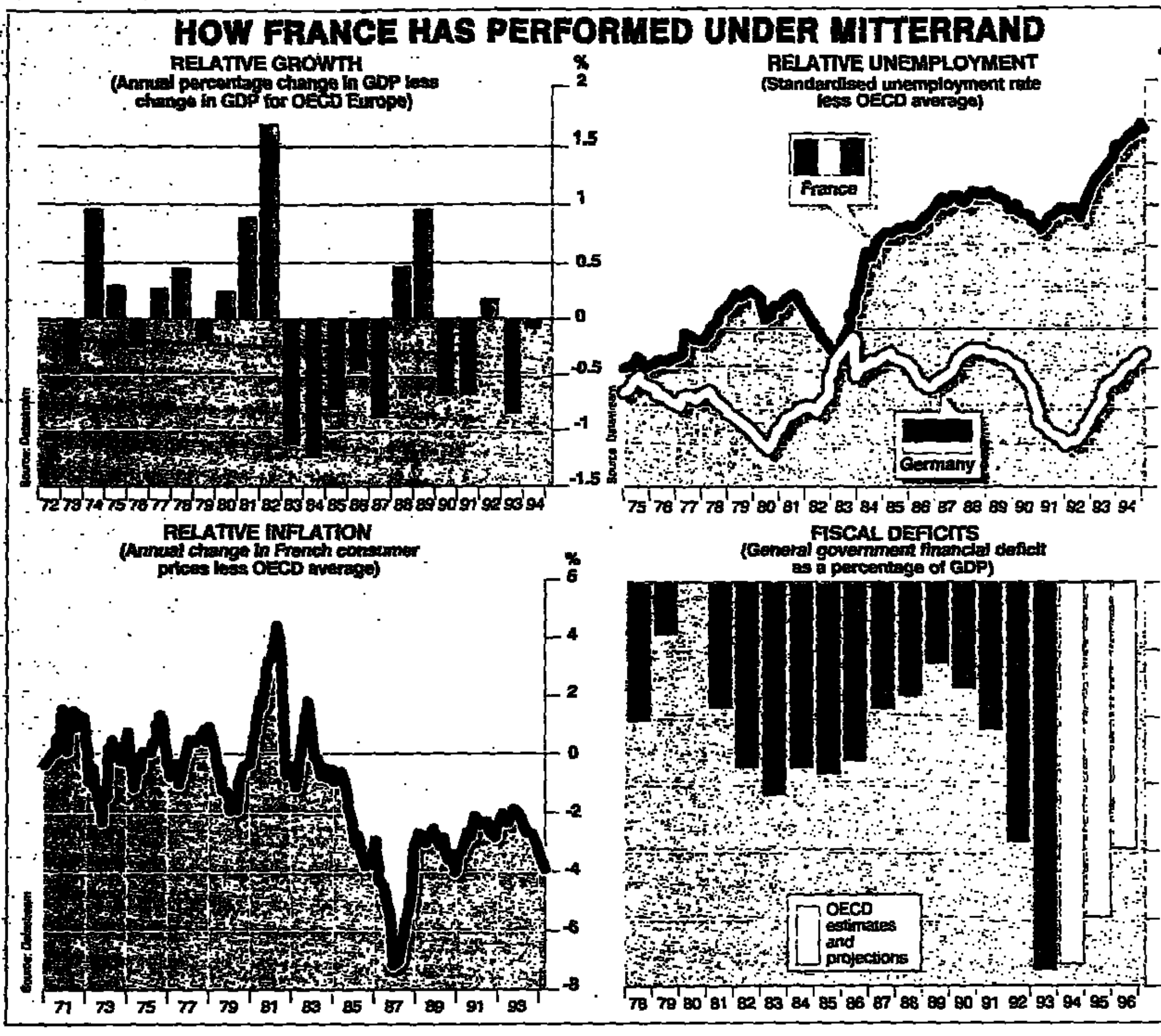
COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

High stakes in the French election for world at large

If the new President wants *franc fort* he must abandon Maastricht and EMU



HOW FRANCE HAS PERFORMED UNDER MITTERRAND

The presidential election to be held on Sunday in France will offer the opportunity for a new beginning, not only for France but for the whole of Europe. The 14-year presidency of François Mitterrand should go down in history as the most depressing period for France since Vichy. But if the next President, most probably Jacques Chirac, draws the right lessons from his predecessor's failure, France could easily re-emerge in the next few years as an economic powerhouse and a source of inspiration to other countries in Europe and beyond. This was a role it was well on its way to wresting from Germany, when M Mitterrand panicked in response to a minor currency crisis in 1982 and set his country on a course of permanent economic subjugation to Germany.

The economic stakes are high in this election not only for France, but for the world as a whole. France has always enjoyed a disproportionate influence in global institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Group of Seven leading industrial nations, not to mention the European Commission in Brussels. Suppose economic philosophy were now to change in Paris, *in favour of Keynesian demand management and a serious assault on unemployment, instead of the deflationary monetary "rigour"* and pre-Keynesian structuralism that have been in vogue since M Mitterrand's U-turn in 1983. This would have an immediate effect on all the institutions that form global consensus opinion, many of which have long been run by Frenchmen with a primary loyalty to Paris, to the chagrin of other members of the European Union, the International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

French economic policy is likely to be transformed for two fundamental reasons. In the long term, there is bound to be change because no nation is likely to acquiesce forever in its own economic destruction: France obviously has the capacity to do so much better than it has been, that the contradiction between potential and achievement will finally become insupportable. And even if it does not, there is a more immediate reason for expecting a policy U-turn. Within the next year or so, the four elements of the French policy consensus will start moving in opposite *directions*, creating a *logical contradiction which all the "rigour" and "will" in the world simply cannot resolve.*

To start with the long-term issues, it is simply untrue, as *some* market analysts still *lamely* suggest, that the French economy has "sound fundamentals". It is even more implausible to suggest that its performance *has* improved since the 1970s. France may have *a current account surplus* and the lowest inflation in Europe, *but these have only been achieved at the cost of the highest uemployment among the G7 countries and extremely low economic growth. While a temporary increase in unemployment* and *a loss* of growth may be justified to subdue inflation, France has been unique among the G7 countries in accepting very high unemployment as a permanent principle of policy. Of course, a country that accepts permanent stagnation can have low inflation and a trade surplus. But what is the point? This is a question which the French Enarques, for all their elite education and patriotism never seem to have asked.

The charts give an inkling of France's strange experience. The top two show that until 1983, when M Mitterrand decided to subordinate French policy to the franc-mark exchange rate, France typically had an unemployment rate close to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development average and an economic growth rate well ahead of the rest of Europe. From 1983 onwards, *GDP* growth in France fell more or less permanently below Europe's. Unemployment *shot* upwards and *never again declined — unlike German, or for that matter British or American, unemployment which rose and fell during the* 1980s and 1990s in a cyclical *pattern.*

The third chart raises the question of why all this sacrifice was considered worthwhile. It shows that the French inflation rate was neither particularly high nor unstable before *M* Mitterrand embarked on his policy of "*franc fort*".

But what if, in spite of all the evidence, the French stick to their Freudian delusion that a strong currency is some kind of national virility symbol? The currency totem has, after all, been a fixed *point* of French *psychology* throughout this century. (It was largely *responsible* for such earlier historic disasters as the refusal to take the franc off the gold standard and the consequent collapse of French industry just when France should have been rearming for the Second World War.) Even if the new President decides to continue sacrificing his country on the altar of the franc-mark exchange-rate, economic circumstances will probably conspire to make this impossible.

Up until now, the French Government has been able to soften the impact of German monetary policies by offering extremely generous tax breaks and fiscal subsidies to businesses and the public. These have ranged from straightforward handouts such as cash payments from the Treasury to anyone who bought a new car, to *much more complex and even bigger arrangements made to subsidise banks and nationalised industries and underwrite exports.*

In *future,* however, *these bailouts will become impossible. They will not be stopped by* European Union *regulations* or even by incensed French taxpayers, but by the Maastricht convergence targets that France itself agreed with Germany in the negotiations on European monetary union.

Just like Britain, Italy, Sweden *Spain and many other European countries which tried to peg their currencies inappropriately to the mark. France has paid for its mistake not only with high unemployment* and *lost output,* but also *with a swelling budget deficit and a build-up of public debt. The payments made so far to enable the French economy to* live with the *franc fort* have swollen the Government deficit from 1.2 per cent of GDP in 1992 to more than 5 per cent this year. Part of this deterioration was due to the cyclical decline in the economy, but according to Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development figures the "structural" part of the deficit has swollen almost as sharply, from 0.7 per cent of GDP in 1987 to 3.7 per cent this year.

These figures now make it impossible for France to meet the Maastricht convergence targets without a major fiscal retrenchment. The deficit will have to be cut to 3 per cent of GDP by 1997-98, when the decision is made whether to go ahead with European monetary union on the targeted date of January 1999. And because 1996 is no longer a feasible date for the decision on European monetary union, the cut *in the French budget deficits must be sustained over a considerable period. It cannot be achieved by accounting tricks for just a single year.*

This means that a French Government which wants to be *taken seriously* in its *commitment* to European monetary union will have to tighten fiscal policy substantially in the *next* two years. Instead of offsetting the monetary stringency demanded by the *franc fort*, the new fiscal policy will have to redouble the rigour — and this in itself is likely to intensify speculation in the financial markets against the franc. *In other words, if the new President wants franc fort he must abandon the Maastricht targets and European monetary union. If he wants* Maastricht, *he must abandon franc fort.*

Faced with this Catch 22, M Chirac will have only one rational choice if he is elected. He must "look at the books" left behind by his predecessor and "discover" that the economic situation is much worse than the Government had ever acknowledged. He must then tighten fiscal policy, but offset higher taxes with sharp cuts in interest rates. This would mean abandoning the *franc fort* but it would produce a dramatic improvement in unemployment. And what if French pride is offended by transforming the *franc fort* into a *franc faible*? President Chirac can always blame Mitterrand and Balladur — but only if he acts fast.

Spotlight falls on Greenbury Committee

Philip Bassett assesses the progress of the inquiry into top executives' pay

The attack by Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman of Marks & Spencer, on the salary rises of some privatised utility bosses as "disgraceful", revealed by *The Times* yesterday, gave a rare insight into the workings of the Government-backed inquiry he is heading into boardroom pay.

His forceful criticisms, couched in language described as "*robust*", *were made in private to MPs during a* closed session of the all-party Commons Employment Select Committee, which is conducting its own inquiry into utility bosses' pay and benefits packages.

Though the parade of utility executives having humiliatingly to declare to the Commons committee every last detail of their earnings is now over, the potent problem of high boardroom pay is far from resolved. Sir Richard's committee, set up by the Confederation of British Industry at the request of the Prime Minister, is now seen as the principal means of lancing the top pay boil. Sir Richard has said little or nothing about the inquiry since it was established in January. *But his appearance before MPs, even in a closed session, has lifted the veil a little.*

The £691,000-a-year M&S chairman revealed to the committee that the inquiry has now set up four sub-groups, all of which give an indication of the inquiry's thinking and progress.

> ❛They will have teeth which they will not need to use❜

The first is examining the role of remuneration committees, which are now widely used to set senior executives' pay. It is also looking at the role of shareholders, and seems likely to recommend a greater role for them.

The second is considering the practices and problems of disclosure — how much shareholders, and the public, are and should be told about what directors are paid. It looks likely to favour the fullest transparency, in line with British Gas's change of heart after the row over the 75 per cent increase for Cedric Brown, its chief executive, which fuelled the boardroom pay row. In its recent annual report, British Gas gave full details of all board members' pay, benefits and pensions packages for the first time.

The work of the third group includes the embarrassing issue of payment for failure: severance packages that companies agree for executives who are judged to have performed badly, but whose rolling contracts, usually *three-year ones, can be manipulated to provide large pay-offs in cash and* shares. The inquiry looks set to recommend that such practices are ended.

Finally, the fourth group is looking at pay itself: what top corporate executives do and should get. It is examining four key areas — basic pay, bonuses, share options and the particular role of the privatised utilities.

Though its establishment was prompted by the row over privatised utility pay, the Greenbury inquiry has been uneasy about this aspect of its work, and has tried to distance itself from it, knowing there is little it can recommend to solve the problem of high pay levels and increases. But Sir Richard's remarks to the Select Committee accurately reflect annoyance in the inquiry, and much more *widely in industry,* that the actions of *some utility bosses in grabbing too much too greedily have caused real difficulties over pay for executives in companies which neither warrant them nor have the near-monopolies* enjoyed by many utilities.

According to MPs' views of his account of his work, Greenbury looks set to avoid recommending new legislation on top pay if at all possible, preferring instead to rely on more stringent self-regulation. Inquiry members see the Prime Minister's commitment to introducing new law as giving them teeth which they will not need to use.

For the inquiry, that may be fine. Politically, it is unlikely to be sufficient. Having been publicly seen to have promised legislation, the Prime Minister will have real difficulty in not delivering it, even if Greenbury does not recommend it. One way or another, the ball of top corporate pay looks likely to be landed squarely back in the Government's court.

Colin Narbrough reports on a German firm's change of direction

Merck takes a stake in the big league

Edward Roberts, a rugby-loving Welsh veteran of the international pharmaceuticals business, is playing a key role in the transformation of E Merck, the German drugs company that this year aims to bring in outside investors after 326 years of family control.

Merck, of Darmstadt, is small compared with Bayer, BASF and Hoechst, its listed German rivals. But its plan to raise up to DM2.5 billion through the sale of 25 per cent of the company puts it in the new-issue big league and better positions it for the industry's global shakeout.

With DM15 billion of Deutsche Telekom *shares* to hit the market next year, *Merck has* to move quickly to ensure it *has the means* to pursue costly, strategic *plans.* The Merck issue, much of which is aimed at UK funds, will be the biggest *new German issue since the mid-Eighties.*

Mr Roberts, 60, a trained pharmacist from Rhyl, *Clwyd, spent* 17 years in Europe and America *with* Eli Lilly, the American pharmaceuticals *group,* and headed the agribusiness *division there, before switching in 1990 to Merck, where he heads pharmaceuticals.*

The change of country and *corporate* culture appears to have *caused few* problems for him. He said he *never had* the feeling he was being kept out of the inner sanctums of a family firm, where Hans Joachim Langmann has been chairman for 31 years.

Roberts: felt no clash of culture

Although he spoke German from a previous European posting, Mr Roberts said he found the first few months of board meetings at Darmstadt, in German only, *made* him a "great listener". Subsequently, he was given every freedom *to communicate his ideas.*

As an example of the "good common *sense" that he sees guiding cross-border business today, he cites the fact that English has already become the languge of general management in Merck's pharmaceutical and research divisions.*

Unlike Bayer, which last year re-acquired its brand name in North America after a 70 year gap, *Merck has no ties with Merck and Co Inc, the US company that was affiliated until confiscation in the First World War.*

Mr Roberts' career has prepared him well for the North American pharmaceuticals aquisitions Merck has its eyes on. It is keen to remain a strong niche player and has no intention to "bet the farm" by huge spending on research.

Merck, *Germany's fifth biggest drugs* company, raised pre-tax profit 40 per cent last year to DM560 million on sales of DM5.8 billion. This year, it paid Fr1.5 billion to Rhône Poulenc of France for the 43 per cent it did not own in Lipha, the Lyons drugs group. Last year, it paid $200 million for 51 per cent of Amerpharm, the US generic drug company. Mr Roberts, a rare Celtic bird on a German board, said Merck still needs a bigger market share in cheaper versions of brand-name drugs in North America, to be met by buying companies or products.

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NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 181st Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held at the Head Office, 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh on Tuesday, 2nd May 1995 at 2.30 pm for the following purposes:

- To consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31 December 1994 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
- To re-elect Mr G J N Gemmell, Mr G R G Graham and Mr A J Low as Directors.
- To fix the remuneration of Directors.
- To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors.
- To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year.
- To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

Forms of Proxy for the use of Members of the Society who are unable to be present at the Meeting, but who may wish to vote, may be obtained on application to the undersigned. To be effective Proxies must reach the Society's Head Office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. A proxy need not be a Member of the Society.

Questions may be submitted in advance from Members who themselves or through their Proxy intend to be present at the Meeting. These should be in writing and lodged with the undersigned not less than four clear working days before the Meeting.

H W RAYMOND
Executive Board Director Corporate Services and Secretary
15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5BU 4 April 1995

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AB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01695 259 783				
Gartland Amer	160.90	170.20	- 0.80	6.19
Gartland Equity	236.29	251.29	- 1.70	2.14
Gartland Euro	201.50	213.20	+ 0.10	0.52
Gartland Ext				2.99
Gartland Ext Bd	108.30	112.30	- 0.32	5.78
Gartland Gilt	73.74	76.07		
Gartland Japan	158.50	167.70	+ 1.10	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
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General Acc	538.90	573.40†	- 2.80	2.92
General Inc	463.90	439.90†	- 2.50	2.92
UK Growth Acc	361.90	385.60†	- 2.50	3.06
UK Growth Inc	244.40	260.03†	- 1.70	3.06
Higher Inc Acc	670.50	713.40†	- 3.20	4.75
Higher Inc Inc	380.40	404.90†	- 1.80	4.75
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	187.70	198.56†	- 0.50	5.99
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	86.70	93.69†	- 0.27	5.99
N American	265.70	282.70†	- 1.10	
Far East	338.50	360.25	- 0.40	1.04
Europe	273.05	290.50†	- 0.70	1.06
Bnd Excel	71.80	76.43	- 0.47	3.14
Brit Prdents Acc	101.10	107.60†	- 0.50	4.93
Brit Prdents Inc	72.53	77.17†	- 0.29	4.92
Global Cons	34.37	33.76	+ 0.03	0.37
Balanced Acc	54.15	57.62†	- 0.15	3.19
Balanced Inc	52.48	55.83†	- 0.15	3.19
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income	127.50	135.30†	- 0.10	7.39
Gilts & Fixed Int	157.50	158.40†	- 0.20	4.67
High Inc Equity	276.50	293.40	- 0.90	4.43
Worldwide Bond				
Capital Growth	274.30	293.80	- 1.60	82
American Growth	289.23	309.30	- 2.10	
Asian Pacific	256.91	272.30	- 1.20	3.02
Assets & Earnings	100.50	106.20†	- 0.20	12
Commdy & Energy	132.19	141.20†	- 0.20	69
Euro Capital Inc	141.70	151.50	- 0.20	68
(Accum Units)	230.60	245.30	- 1.00	2.22
General	117.20	126.00	+ 1.20	
Japan	136.70	146.20	- 0.10	1.94
Investment	112.50	120.30†	+ 0.60	3.20
UK Growth Dist	128.33	136.52	- 2.00	
US Emerging Cos	380.50	404.80	- 2.10	3.09
Income & Growth	65.56	69.74	- 0.12	3.14
Ethical	109.33	116.30	- 0.10	98
International	99.32	62.11	- 0.11	4.45
Dividend & Growth	67.22	71.71	+ 0.05	2.90
Global Gwth & Sec				
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.49	£17.16		
AETRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Inter Inc & Growth	43.95	45.57†	+ 0.03	0.68
Cash	53.26	56.29†	- 0.01	5.82
Emerging Mkts	62.82	66.50	- 0.18	0.05
European	109.70	114.60	- 0.13	
General	533.20	570.04†	- 0.20	1.85
Extra Income #	44.07	47.21†	- 0.16	8.38
Far East Emg Eco	104.50	116.30	- 0.20	0.56
Fixed Interest #	21.73	22.86†	- 0.02	9.05
Fund Inv Tst	152.19	161.10†	- 0.15	1.04
Japan	184.53	192.60	- 1.30	
Latin American	44.71	48.92	- 0.37	1.04
Pacific	69.53	73.41	- 1.02	0.36
Property Share	59.32	62.27	- 0.20	2.19
UK Emerging Cos	60.17	63.16	- 0.01	1.96
UK Special	42.87	45.45†	- 0.18	2.58
Worldwide Port #	70.76	72.05	- 0.18	2.21
Ethical	59.73	62.71	- 0.13	2.90
Gtd Gilt Inc #	43.28	45.29†	- 0.05	7.61
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
Equity Growth	69.66	72.92†	- 0.71	3.00
Ethical	79.73	83.68†	- 0.45	3.79
Global Portfolio	35.41	36.71†	- 0.41	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.65	77.30†		2.66
Income Builder Acc	67.44	71.74		3.05
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
PA Dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts	225.90	241.40†	- 1.20	3.23
Growth & Income	236.50	423.50†	- 1.70	1.96
Capital	682.00	714.00†	- 2.60	2.79
Balanced	512.37	553.32	- 7.00	3.07
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Equity Unit Pens	95.96	102.95		3.04
Fixed Int Pens	57.97	62.34		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 930 0033				
Capital	69.47	73.90	- 0.62	2.19
International	61.14	65.04	- 0.17	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 429 3673				
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK Emerald Tst	62.04	66.00	- 0.36	3.01
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	633.46	642.94		4.67
Accum	327.51	327.62		
Fixed Int Inc	119.75	120.05		9.58
Prop Int Acc	190.20	190.68		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 637 7667				
Intl Growth	110.00	120.72		
UK Income	102.89	112.21		5.300
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	76.71	81.43	- 0.73	1.49
Beck Bio-Tech	26.38	27.26		
Acorn Ethical Tst	138.78	151.86		0.74
City Fin Assets	68.04	71.44†		1.97
City Fin America	86.88	91.23†	- 1.03	
City Fin Intl	74.84	78.59†	- 1.37	0.94
City Fin Japan	162.66	171.86	- 2.33	
Friars Hse Cap	267.38	289.99		1.70
Friars Hse Inc	188.08	204.13		4.13
Buckley Wkld Grth	119.58	125.70†	- 0.41	
Fairmead Cap Gth	132.01	138.62		
Fairmead Intl	143.63	150.82		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	52.29	56.56		4.35
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	50.93	54.04	- 0.06	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 333				
American Grth	58.19	62.24	- 0.36	
Atlas Mngd Grth	35.61	38.09	- 0.02	0.62
Dryden Growth	60.80	65.03	- 0.31	0.85
Equity High Inc	80.04	85.15	- 0.41	4.26
(Accum Units)	108.46	115.38	- 0.56	4.26
European Grth	50.07	53.27	- 0.08	1.21
Evergreen	26.37	28.20	- 0.04	
General Equity	81.51	86.48	- 0.50	2.98
Japan Growth	50.31	54.45	- 0.35	
Pacific Grth	49.35	52.50	- 0.24	2.96
Pref Sm Cos Inc	29.03	30.88	- 0.81	1.67
(Accum Units)	30.16	32.09	- 0.92	1.67
Retirement Inc #	24.91	26.50	- 0.09	6.00
Special Sits	36.42	38.74	- 0.10	2.26
UK & Overseas	46.51	49.48	- 0.11	1.44
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	66.85	70.96	- 0.49	2.09
Income	60.40	64.02	- 0.33	4.20
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	150.95	160.58†	- 0.85	5.45
Fixed & Convertible	37.86	40.28†	- 0.07	7.46
Monthly Inc Plus	46.29	49.24†	- 0.07	9.10
Preference Share	44.38	47.21†	- 0.04	8.00
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	118.48	126.04†	- 0.86	6.45
Managed Fund	65.24	69.40†	- 0.25	3.25
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.03	38.33†	- 0.01	2.09
(Accum Units)	41.93	44.61†	- 0.01	2.09
UK & General	76.60	81.49†	- 1.09	3.20
(Accum Units)	97.13	102.33†	- 1.33	3.20
UK Growth	142.20	151.28†	- 0.98	2.79
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	180.50	192.13†	- 0.81	0.23
Far Eastern Grth	122.31	130.12†	- 0.31	
Global Bond	76.89	81.50†	- 0.23	6.13
Japan Growth	117.64	125.15†	- 0.79	
North Amer Grth	164.92	175.45†	- 1.01	
Oriental Growth	70.14	74.62†	- 0.06	5.11
Worldwide Growth	63.44	67.49†	+ 0.02	0.29
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.68	91.66†	- 0.02	6.19
Homeowner Fund	75.98	80.63	- 0.51	1.97
Onslow Fund	123.97	131.88	- 0.74	2.45
For Confederation see Sec Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.96	32.17		3.45
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	137.60	146.40	- 0.10	1.76
Income	66.13	70.36	- 1.00	5.08
European	49.49	53.29	- 0.08	1.00
Recovery	151.80	161.50†	- 1.20	2.12
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9434				
Equity Dist	801.70	815.00		3.72
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 698 370				
Fellowship Tst	73.67	77.73	- 0.09	0.47
Income #	229.70	244.33	- 1.20	4.74
(Accum Units) #	574.90	611.53	- 2.90	4.74
Smaller Cos	156.90	165.80	+ 0.10	0.69
(Accum Units)	190.60	202.70	- 0.10	0.53
Inv Portfolio	76.67	81.56	- 0.24	1.46
High Inc Port #	57.29	61.57	- 0.23	4.83
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.05	£15.42		
Japan Small Cos	£12.13	£12.37		
UK Small Cos	£16.89	£17.62		
US Small Cos	£16.02	£16.57		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	196.60	207.08		3.21
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	422.10	448.98†	+ 8.20	1.61
Cont Smllr Cos	57.73	62.04	- 0.02	0.58
(Accum Units)	60.87	65.24	- 0.02	0.58
Convertible	119.60	126.10	- 1.70	5.87
(Accum Units)	238.60	254.90	- 3.30	5.87
Emerging Markets	60.49	64.62	+ 0.32	0.25
(Accum Units)	60.55	64.69	- 0.21	0.25
European	114.90	121.90	- 0.40	0.74
(Accum Units)	120.40	127.80	- 0.50	0.14
Extra Income	321.70	342.10	- 1.20	4.18
(Accum Units)	483.20	513.90	- 1.80	4.18
Financial	118.00	127.00		0.30
(Accum Units)	125.00	134.50	- 0.10	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.42	63.40†	- 0.29	6.37
(Accum Units)	88.20	90.95†	- 0.43	6.37
Health Fund Inc	134.10	143.20	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	134.10	143.20	- 0.10	
Income & Growth	185.00	197.30	- 0.70	3.32
(Accum Units)	279.50	297.30	- 1.00	3.32
Intl Growth	348.80	373.40	+ 2.10	2.10
(Accum Units)	387.30	414.70	+ 2.40	
Japan & Gen	162.20	173.30†	- 0.36	
(Accum Units)	163.80	175.00†	- 0.30	
Monthly Inc	156.20	165.00†	- 0.20	4.14
Managed Port Inc	99.18	104.40†		1.81
(Accum Units)	108.40	112.00†		1.81
Quarterly Income	50.69	53.91	- 0.28	4.79
(Accum Units)	54.41	57.87	- 0.30	4.79
Recovery	327.30	343.50		0.13
(Accum Units)	378.20	404.40		0.13
UK Growth	52.82	56.46	- 0.37	2.79
(Accum Units)	54.64	58.41	- 0.37	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	113.00	120.80	+ 0.20	0.0
FP Asian Growth	232.60	248.90	- 0.50	0.0
FP Australian	315.60	326.60	+ 0.10	0.0
FP Equity Dist	374.40	398.20	- 2.10	2.89
-do- Accum	790.60	841.00	- 4.40	2.89
FP Euro Gth Dist	143.00	152.10	+ 0.10	0.78
-do- Accum	149.00	158.50	+ 0.10	0.78
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.90	136.20†	- 0.40	7.40
-do- Accum	239.60	253.10†	- 0.70	7.40
FP Intl Bond	56.45	59.70	+ 0.12	4.98
FP Intl Gth Dist	89.63	95.35	+ 0.03	0.77
-do- Accum	93.85	99.83	+ 0.03	0.77
FP Nth Amer Dist	182.50	193.30	- 0.70	1.12
-do- Accum	201.10	213.00	- 0.70	1.12
FP Pac Basin Acc	192.50	205.70	+ 0.10	
FP Income	52.62	56.12	- 0.21	5.30
(Accum Units)	170.30	181.60	- 0.60	5.30
FP Jap Smllr Cos	315.60	326.60	+ 0.10	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.97	73.60†	- 0.25	6.03
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†		6.25
FP Tokyo	88.20	94.08	- 1.04	0.0
FP UK Focus	35.19	37.83†	- 0.10	1.92
FP UK Growth	166.20	177.20	- 0.80	2.81
(Accum Units)	321.80	343.20	- 1.40	2.81
Stewardship Dist	323.30	343.90	- 0.40	2.10
-do- Accum	395.40	420.60	- 0.40	2.10
Stwdshp Inc Dist	69.02	73.42		3.84
-do- Accum	89.53	95.24	- 0.01	3.84
N Am Stshp Dist	91.82	97.68	- 0.82	0.87
-do- Accum	97.58	103.80	- 0.90	0.87
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	105.80	112.50	- 0.30	1.13
Open Cap Gth Acc	105.30	112.60	- 0.20	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.10	108.60	- 0.30	2.60
Cap Gth Inc Acc	104.60	111.20	- 0.30	2.60
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	103.70	110.30	- 0.20	3.08
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	106.39	113.00	- 0.20	3.08
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.60	47.44	- 0.14	1.11
European	198.90	211.00†	+ 0.10	0.77
(Accum Units)	215.10	229.20		0.77
Intl	31.08	33.16†	- 0.02	0.94
(Accum Units)	45.07	48.10	- 0.01	0.94
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 1067				
GANDA	231.10	244.40	- 1.30	2.52
Cash	49.69	50.44	+ 0.04	5.28
Growth Portfolio	74.43	78.91	- 0.09	1.04
Income Portfolio	61.33	64.86	- 0.18	4.75
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	177.10	189.40	- 0.70	1.51
Dividend	84.74	90.63	- 0.83	4.27
Intl Gth & Inc	212.00	226.70	- 2.0	3.10
UK & Gen	42.34	45.28	- 0.35	2.10
Fund of Funds	60.46	64.66†	- 0.39	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	182.60	195.30†	- 0.60	
Europe	531.80	566.90†	- 0.10	0.35
Far East & Gen	226.90	242.70	- 0.30	
Germany	112.20	118.80	+ 0.10	
Income Inc	148.10	158.40†	- 0.50	4.62
(Accum Units)	160.00	171.20	- 0.50	4.62
International	298.20	319.00†	- 1.30	
Intl Income	78.98	83.64	- 0.11	4.06
Japan & General	377.30	401.10†	- 0.80	
Korean Securities	60.34	65.18	- 0.32	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	42.42	45.06	- 0.56	5.33
UK Capital Inc	161.90	172.20	- 0.40	1.10
UK Capital Acc	281.50	301.10	- 0.50	1.10
UK Spec Sits	77.94	83.35	- 0.02	0.74
US & General	138.90	145.90		
Wwide Spec Sits	138.00	147.60	- 0.30	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.10	49.25	- 0.44	2.62
Cash Trust	137.47	137.47†	- 0.65	4.85
Practical Inv Inc #	110.02	117.68†	- 0.14	5.37
(Accum Units) #	251.55	269.04†	- 0.32	3.37
UK Index	144.25	145.71†	- 0.85	2.48
UK Smaller Cos	120.25	128.61	- 0.17	1.08
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.67	25.32†	- 0.08	9.76
High Income	31.56	33.74	- 0.14	5.32
UK Equity Income	127.71	136.59	- 0.66	3.60
Global Bond	28.21	29.24†	+ 0.11	5.13
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	42.09	45.02†	+ 0.07	
Global Inc & Gr	125.61	133.73†	- 0.07	2.30
Gold & Intl Res	104.60	111.87	+ 1.43	
Global Utilities	122.03	120.64	+ 0.25	1.50
Overseas Funds				
American	141.57	150.92	+ 0.08	1.21
European	98.65	104.55	- 0.12	1.43
Euro Sel Opps	143.03	151.93	- 0.06	
Amer Emerging	97.48	104.26	- 0.31	
Hong Kong	125.93	136.52	- 0.40	1.81
Japan	238.90	253.73	+ 2.75	
Pacific Growth	196.97	210.66	- 0.45	1.56

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Trust	193.15	205.98	+ 0.53	
Japan Special Sits	206.01	218.17†	+ 1.19	
Pacific Smllr Cos	222.71	238.29†	- 0.25	0.01
North American	229.84	244.56	- 0.72	0.25
American Smaller	103.39	111.05†	- 0.51	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 285 585				
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts	29.70	30.87	+ 0.20	1.17
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.47		- 0.23	7.47
Gilt Yield	112.50		- 0.60	5.69
Global Income			- 2.14	4.18
High Yield			- 0.54	6.53
(Accum Units)	404	430.50†	- 1.73	6.30
Smllr Cos Div	47.44		+ 0.04	3.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	56.50	60.17	- 0.81	1.47
-do- Acc	63.07	67.10	- 0.50	1.47
N American Grt	174.30	185.40	- 0.50	0.98
-do- Acc	201.20	214.10	- 0.50	0.98
Nthn Sm Co Rec	135.40	144.10	- 1.60	
-do- Acc	138.20	147.10	- 1.80	
Pacific Basin	223.60	237.90	- 2.30	0.79
-do- Acc	237.50	252.70	- 2.50	0.79
Small Cos Rec	343.20	367.60	+ 0.80	2.21
-do- Acc	467.00	491.60	+ 1.10	2.21
UK Growth	82.99	88.29	- 1.70	2.80
-do- Acc	100.90	107.40	- 2.00	2.80
Worldwide Gth	301.80	321.10	- 0.40	0.60
-do- Acc	445.20	473.70	- 0.50	0.60
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	64.35	69.04	- 3.46	0.10
General	84.90	91.09	- 0.35	2.50
Income	62.27	66.81	- 0.24	5.50
International	61.81	66.31	- 0.12	0.40
Japan	59.04	63.34	+ 0.70	
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.73	68.38†	- 0.14	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	387.00	409.30		0.63
(Accum Units)	432.20	570.60		3.63
Amer Recovery	453.90	486.30		0.45
(Accum Units)	527.70	558.00		0.45
Amer Smllr Cos	130.30	137.80		
(Accum Units)	133.10	140.80		
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.67	£13.05		2.40
Income #	965.00	979.70		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maclan General	135.60	139.60		4.31
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings. 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	195.00	208.60	- 1.10	2.33
Gilt & Fxd Int	167.10	178.00	- 0.10	6.69
Intl Growth	204.00	217.10	+ 0.50	0.38
North American	187.60	200.20	- 0.60	0.61
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 666				
M & S Inv Ptclio	145.30	157.10		
-do- Accum	171.80	180.30		
UK Sel Ptflo	127.70	134.45		
-do- Accum	148.47	156.27		
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 642				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	52.48	55.55	- 0.12	
Managed	67.64	71.90	- 0.25	2.44
Money Market	87.45	92.71	+ 0.07	4.33
North American	86.85	92.10	- 1.26	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	91.79	97.56	- 0.59	1.81
European Growth	93.42	99.02	+ 0.46	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.39	86.38	- 0.28	0.09
Income	81.78	86.45	- 0.30	2.97
Japan Growth	52.27	55.40	- 0.12	
Managed	65.32	69.49	- 0.25	2.39
Money Market	80.86	85.71		4.29
North American	79.05	83.81	- 1.12	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	91.56	97.40	- 0.59	1.80
European Growth	91.25	96.72	+ 0.45	
Gilt & Fixed Int	74.36	78.90	- 0.28	0.26
Income	80.14	85.26	- 0.30	3.00
Japan Growth	53.44	56.64	- 0.12	
Managed	67.40	71.70	- 0.26	2.42
Money Market	75.28	79.71		4.37
North American	87.52	92.77	- 1.26	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.42	13.18		
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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
348	335	Abbott Mead	347		2.7	
310	276	Addscene	286	+ 1	3.1	17.9
29½	22	Anglo Gp	24½	- ¼		9.7
7¼	2½	Allied Radio	2½			
13	13	BBB Design	13			35.9
197	155	Barbour Index	196		5.5	17.5
6¼	5	Bidstale	5¼			
325	320	Black (A&C)	325		5.6	

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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BMD	91	...	5.8	8.8
132	126	Bame Pict	129		2.9	
78	53	Berry Bch Mid	53		12.0	8.0
157	148	Bigblue Inv	152			

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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	495			
345	133	Cantab Pharms	133			
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121	99	Burn Stewart	104	+ 1	6.0	21.4
410	352	Grand Met	402	- 1	4.3	18.1
471½	404	Guinness†	461	- 4	3.7	14.5
445	337	Highland Distil	351	+ 2	2.6	15.8
217	183	Macallan-Glenl	186		0.9	
710	600	Martin Brn 'A'	630		2.0	37.1
578	522	Matthew Clark	577		4.1	28.5
88	61	Minmet W	80	- 3	3.9	
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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
520	443	Anglian	504	+ 10	5.8	11.4
349	305	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	4.9	11.7
571	483	North West	561	+ 3	5.3	8.0
900	676	Northumbrian	898	+ 3	3.6	9.7
564	475	Severn Trent	535	- 9	5.5	8.9
2180	1865	South Staffs	2150	+ 30	3.1	13.2
527	459	South West	518	- 1	6.3	7.7
594	517	Southern	564	+ 10	5.0	8.6
504	456	Thames	492	+ 2	5.9	7.4
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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅞	101	Exch 10¼% 1995	101	- [illegible]	10.15	6.35
104⅛	103	Treas 12¾% 1995	103	- [illegible]	12.32	6.60
107¼	105	Treas 14% 1996	105	- [illegible]	13.31	6.95
109⅞	108	Treas 15¼% 1996	108	- [illegible]	14.11	7.09
107¼	106	Exch 13¼% 1996	108	- ¼	12.47	7.13
103	102	Conv 10% 1996	103	- ¼	9.65	7.50
98	97	Treas 7% 1997	98	- [illegible]	7.11	7.77
109	108	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	- [illegible]	12.16	7.89
105	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	- [illegible]	10.03	7.72
102	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	- [illegible]	8.59	7.89
118	114	Exch 15% 1997	115	- [illegible]	12.96	7.99
105	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	- ¼	9.38	8.11
98	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	97	- [illegible]	7.41	8.10
95	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96	- [illegible]	7.08	8.10
115	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	- [illegible]	12.13	8.28
122	120	Treas 15½% 1998	121	- [illegible]	12.74	8.16
111	109	Exch 12% 1998	111	- [illegible]	10.77	8.27
104	100	Treas 9½% 1999	103	- [illegible]	9.14	8.26
113	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	- [illegible]	10.95	8.33
107	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107	- ¼	9.77	8.33
92	89	Treas 6% 1999	92	- ¼	6.52	8.25
107	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	107	- [illegible]	9.58	8.39

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Conv 9% 2000	102	- [illegible]	8.76	8.32
99	96	Treas 8% 2000	98	- [illegible]	8.10	8.29
119	117	Treas 13% 2000	118	- [illegible]	10.93	8.46
107	104	Treas 10% 2001	107	- [illegible]	9.33	8.29
93	90	Treas 7% 2001	93	- [illegible]	7.51	8.60
107	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	106	- [illegible]	9.14	8.37
98	94	Treas 8% 2003	97	- [illegible]	8.23	8.72
109	105	Treas 10% 2003	108	- [illegible]	9.21	8.47
113	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	- ½	10.16	8.41
76	73	Fund 3½% 1999-04	76	- [illegible]	4.69	8.70
107	103	Conv 9½% 2004	106	- ½	8.95	7.13
90	86	Treas 6¾% 2004	89	- [illegible]	7.59	8.53
101	97	Treas 8½% 2005	100	- ¼	8.46	8.51
107	103	Conv 9½% 2005	106	- ¼	8.92	8.44
123	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122	- [illegible]	10.20	8.53
96	92	Treas 7¾% 2006	95	- [illegible]	8.16	8.42
97	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	96	- [illegible]	8.28	8.43
117	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116	- [illegible]	10.06	8.51
101	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	- [illegible]	8.46	8.46
130	126	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129	- [illegible]	10.44	8.70
105	101	Treas 9% 2008	104	- [illegible]	8.60	8.42
97	94	Treas 8% 2009	96	- [illegible]	8.28	8.41

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
82	79	Treas 6¼% 2010	81	- [illegible]	7.63	8.41
105	101	Conv 9% 2011	105	- ¼	8.57	8.34
106	102	Treas 9% 2012	105	- [illegible]	8.55	8.42
75	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	- [illegible]	7.28	8.41
97	93	Treas 8% 2013	96	- ¼	8.29	8.18
94	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	- [illegible]	8.30	8.36
105	100	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	-1	8.41	8.56
132	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	-1	9.11	8.34

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
42	40	War Ln 3½%	41	- ¼	8.35	
30	28	Treas 2½%	30	- [illegible]	8.32	

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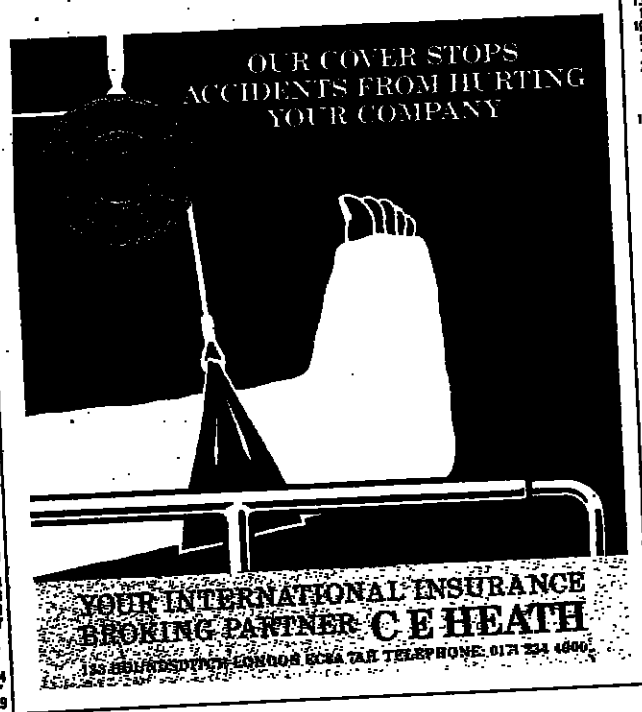
1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
208	201	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	- [illegible]	1.22	3.16
109	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	188	- ¼	2.54	3.53
169	165	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169	- ¼	3.32	3.80
160	161	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165	- ¼	3.43	3.81
110	108	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	110	- [illegible]	3.46	3.82
173	169	Treas IL 2% 2006	172	- [illegible]	3.51	3.79
156	152	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156	- [illegible]	3.58	3.80
162	157	Treas IL 2½% 2011	161	- [illegible]	3.60	3.81
133	129	Treas IL 2½% 2013	133	- [illegible]	3.62	3.81
142	137	Treas IL 2½% 2016	141	- [illegible]	3.64	3.82
138	131	Treas IL 2½% 2020	136	- [illegible]	3.67	3.83
115	109	Treas IL 2½% 2024	113	- [illegible]	3.66	3.81
112	109	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	112	- [illegible]	3.68	3.83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Deferred tax rules matter

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Tim Brown favours full provisioning of deferred taxation

The Accounting Standards Board's discussion paper, *Accounting for Tax*, reopens a debate that has been around since the early 1970s. With the paper tentatively recommending the adoption of full provisioning for deferred tax, there is bound to be considerable opposition to the ASB's proposals from the many interests in favour of the flexibility allowed by the current system.

Why does it matter? Surely, the way in which a company accounts for its tax liabilities has no relevance to its cash flow. It follows then that if cash flow remains unchanged, so too does the value of the company, and thus its share price. In theory, that is correct. In practice, stock market prices can be affected by presentational changes, even though they should not be. Since share-price valuation is an inexact science, it is impossible to tell how much impact the presentation has had, as opposed to the raw numbers. It could also be argued that "new information" regarding a company's tax position will become available, thus causing prices to change. This is especially so if company managements, or others, change their actions because of a change in reported earnings.

Here is the nub of the problem. Under full provisioning for deferred tax, earnings per share will, in most cases, be lower than under partial provisioning or nil deferral.

So, if we are unsure what impact presentation has on share values, but are almost certain that earnings will be lower, it will be no surprise if company managements and advisers argue for the system that produces higher earnings.

In these circumstances, it is important to know how large the "presentational" changes might be. In a recent publication, Linda Hastie, my colleague, and I have estimated the potential effect on earnings both for the market as a whole and specifically for non-financial companies capitalised at more than £1 billion.

The current published tax charge for the market is 33 per cent, the same as the current rate of corporation tax. On our estimates, full provisioning for deferred tax would raise this to 35.5 per cent, reducing the market's earnings by 4 per cent. However, unless dividend payments are affected (which since cash flows will be unchanged, we consider unlikely) we do not consider that, in the near term, the market level will be greatly influenced.

For companies, the high/low earnings impact ranges from plus 170 per cent to minus 36 per cent. But, as we say in our publication: "We have deliberately not produced a table of 'winners' and 'losers' because the outcome of the discussion paper and consultation process may not result in any change to existing practices [or may even result in another variation with different 'presentational' results]. Implementation is a long way off [end-1996?] and theory, at least, says that no change in share price is necessary. In addition, many of our calculations are, perforce, based on 1993 reports and accounts [prelims often contain insufficient information to make the necessary calculations]: the change to individual company earnings could be very different by end-1996."

We favour full provisioning of deferred taxation. First, the profit and loss account already contains many non-cash items, such as depreciation, pension fund credits/charges etc, where the mis-match between cash payments and accounting charges extends over many years. Secondly, the balance sheet is supposed to show a company's assets and liabilities. The fact that a liability may not be due for payment for many years is no reason to exclude it from the accounts. Thirdly, companies appear to have few qualms about pension fund surpluses being shown as deferred assets when the possibility of these being turned into cash is remote. Why should taxation be treated differently?

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Sitting on hands at the DTI

ROBERT BRUCE

AS A result of inactivity on the part of the Department of Trade and Industry, next month will see a payout of about £500 million, the bulk of which will go to directors of companies that went bust between 1986 and 1994. At a time when the Government is expressing concern at company directors receiving what the public perceives as money for nothing, it seems extraordinary. In some cases, the payment of more than a £1 million each to company directors will even be funded by the taxpayer because the nonsensical decision means that directors get their salaries ahead of money that the Inland Revenue was owed after the corporate debacles.

The Government got everyone into this unjust mess and is now refusing to accept any responsibility. As Steve Hill, insolvency partner at Coopers & Lybrand, said last week: "The Department of Trade and Industry is sitting on its hands, magisterially."

The story began in 1985, when an ill-drafted amendment was put forward to the Insolvency Bill. The profession picked it up, realised the lunacy that would result, and protested. At that stage, Jeremy Hanley, now chairman of the Conservative Party, was the MP acting as the English ICA's adviser. He protested to the Minister, the late Alex Fletcher, himself a chartered accountant.

Mr Fletcher said he understood the problem, but gave an assurance that the lunacy that the resulting Insolvency Act of 1986 contained would not be allowed to happen. The effect could have been that employees, particularly directors, would be owed salaries beyond the usual 14 days of a company going into receivership or administration.

The profession did not believe those assurances. Grant Thornton took a test case to court. This was the Specialised Mouldings case in 1987. The decision went to the profession. The inadvertent nonsense that the rogue amendment could be seen to be perpetrating would be ignored. The profession relied on that judgment. And so did the DTI.

Then, last month, the judgment in the Paramount Airways case against Touche Ross and Arthur Andersen was handed down. The law lords "most reluctantly" threw out the accountancy firms' appeals that they should not be liable for severance pay beyond the 14-day period, as had been the intention of the Insolvency Act.

Hence the lunatic position that now exists where accountancy firms are going to have to pay out more than £500 million to people who, by and large, hardly deserve it. The DTI may argue in private that it can get away with doing nothing about it. After all, who is going to kick up a fuss about accountancy firms having to pay out cash unexpectedly?

It is estimated that £130 million of the £500 million could be accounted for by 1,000 executives. By and large, it is going to the directors who were often responsible for getting the companies into the mess in the first place.

Anyone who came into contact with Allan Griffiths, the rumbustious president of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, in recent weeks before his death last week, would have no doubt of the injustice of the situation. "It's an outrage," would be the start of his noisy exposition of the case.

But, by the end, there would be no doubt about who was to blame and who, morally, should put it right. It is Jonathan Evans, Corporate Affairs Minister, who is sitting on his hands in the DTI, hoping no one will notice.

As Griffiths would have said: "It's not our cock-up. It's the Government's. They are the ones who have to do something about it."

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■ FILM 1

Sigourney Weaver plays the torture victim in Polanski's sombre adaptation of Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden*

■ FILM 2

Love blossoms for an American on holiday in Vienna in the delightful *Before Sunrise*

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■ FILM 3

Depardieu is back in *Le Colonel Chabert*, but Balzac's Napoleonic classic needs more pace

■ FILM 4

Storming through Hollywood with a little help from a deadly virus: Wolfgang Petersen on *Outbreak*

CINEMA: After Chile with Roman Polanski, **Geoff Brown** welcomes a breath of spring air in Vienna

Straining to unchain a gang of three

Death and the Maiden
Curzon West End, 18, 104 mins
Sober adaptation of Dorfman's play

Before Sunrise
Odeon West End, 15, 101 mins
Richard Linklater's delicate charmer

Outbreak
Warner West End, 18, 122 mins
Can Dustin Hoffman stop a deadly virus?

Le Colonel Chabert
Curzon Mayfair, PG, 110 mins
A good Balzac yarn stodgily presented

La Frontera
Metro, 15, 115 mins
Atmospheric story of exile from Chile

Roman Polanski is no stranger to enclosed spaces. *Knife in the Water*, his very first feature, squeezed three people on to a sailing boat for some gripping psychological games. In *Cul-de-Sac* the line-up became three mismatched people and a castle on Holy Island. Catherine Deneuve lost her sanity in a London flat in *Repulsion*, while Polanski himself suffered a haunted Paris domicile in *The Tenant*.

Death and the Maiden, largely shot in a Paris studio with a cast of three closeted in a beach house, would therefore seem natural Polanski material. From the opening shots of Sigourney Weaver's clenched face, Polanski savours all the suspense in Ariel Dorfman's play about a torture victim confronting her possible torturer in what the opening titles describe as "a country in South America... after the fall of the dictatorship": Chile, in other words.

The camera peers into faces and motives as Weaver's Paulina Escobar grills Ben Kingsley's Dr Miranda, who came to the house a good Samaritan and now sits tied to a chair, panties stuffed inside his mouth, brown tape plastered outside. Meanwhile, Weaver's husband (Stuart Wilson), newly appointed head of a government team investigating human rights offences, looks on anxiously.

The faces are caught in candlelight: a storm has cut off the power. As night advances, the house designed by Pierre Guffroy, an intricate set of hard wooden rectangles, becomes a cage. Details of Paulina's torture emerge. She was blindfolded and raped 14 times to the sound of Schubert's *Death and the Maiden* quartet. There was scope here for Polanski to run riot. But he boycotts flamboyant gestures: this is cinema in chains, largely confined by the studio walls and the words of the script.

The words, though, are never Polanski's. His tempestuous life must have taught him plenty about fear and the need for revenge, but this never seems a personal work. Dorfman's text, adapted by the playwright with Rafael Yglesias, reigns supreme, and it determines the film's success or failure.

Polanski and his actors work hard to catch the intensity of Miranda's mock trial. Kingsley's cocktail of arrogance, reason and guile keeps us absorbed, though his guilt is never in much doubt. Weaver is commanding as Paulina, while Stuart Wilson grows in strength as the cautious husband.

But without the electricity of a live performance or a bolder, more personal directorial approach, Dorfman's material remains rigid and humourless: a debate with clever speeches, not a drama with people. Here is food for the mind, then, and the social conscience; but not overmuch for the cinematic eye, or the heart.

After incarceration in Polanski's beach house, fresh air is needed. Richard Linklater's lovely **Before Sunrise** begins, unpromisingly, on a train. Then the train pulls into Vienna; and Ethan Hawke, an American wandering round Europe, is reluctant to stop talking to Julie Delpy's French student. He invites her to join him, exploring the city and each other, before his flight back to the States the next day. So off we trot through the long hours, by the Danube, in the Prater amusement park, in bars and cafés.

This is no simple travelogue. Linklater may have jumped continents — his typical stomping ground is Austin, Texas — but he remains committed to young people's lives and thoughts. Viennese life looms in the background: we meet two amateur actors, and a homeless poet who writes poems to order. But mostly we stay with Linklater's young couple as they walk and talk, putting themselves on display, probing each other: the usual footwork for the start of a relationship.

Nothing in Linklater's *Slacker* and *Dazed and Confused* suggested he could delve deep into characters, and make them more than vessels for social attitudes or offbeat remarks. Yet with Hawke and Delpy's help he does so with ease, crafting a film as humane and tender as they come in this age of blood, sweat and Tarantino. The material, ultimately, is stretched too thin: but no matter. *Before Sunrise* respects people, their hearts and minds, and delights in the spectacle of two coming together: the perfect film for springtime.

Panic struck Hollywood last year when two producers grabbed the same idea: a thriller about a fast-spreading virus. One film, to be directed by Ridley Scott, got cancelled; **Outbreak**, directed by Wolfgang Petersen (interviewed below), got made. As a genre the viral thriller has one big defect: how can you appreciate the stars' faces if they clomp around inside protective suits?

The visors in *Outbreak* are particularly galling since they hide Dustin Hoffman, not your usual man of action. He plays Colonel Sam Daniels, an army doctor with a cheeky streak, tracking a virus spread by an African monkey smuggled out of a California laboratory. After one bite, human organs liquefy. The virus then mutates and becomes airborne: when one man coughs in a cinema, you know the town is doomed.

While the disease spreads, *Outbreak* is rousing popular cinema, tautly directed with dialogue to match ("Looks like we have a Level Four, Sam"). Trouble starts once the script makes room for a conspiracy plot and a preposterous finale. What had been an intelligent film about genuine fears becomes a silly fantasy with superficial thrills. Hoffman's role gives him little scope, though he is worth watching. Rene Russo injects warmth as his ex-wife; Kevin Spacey supplies laughs, and Donald Sutherland adds boredom.

None of them, however, matches Gérard Depardieu in **Le Colonel Chabert**. The ubiquitous French star sinks himself deep into every part. This time he sports stubble, a battered top hat, and the haunted demeanour of one declared dead on Napoleon's battlefields. Ten years after he disappeared, he stands in a lawyer's office, demanding restitution of his name, his fortune and his former wife, now remarried to an ambitious count.

A Balzac novel supplied the plot, and it is a good one. The players make sweet music with their parts, especially Fabrice Luchini as the astute lawyer balancing the claims of Chabert and the countess (Fanny Ardant). The film's only drawback is its visual timidity. Though Yves Angelo is a fine cameraman, as a director he plods from close-up to close-up. *Le Colonel Chabert* is more than art-house fodder, but not quite the absorbing film that its cast and subject promised.

A first film from a Chilean director? You may be tempted to run a mile. Yet **La Frontera**, made in 1991 by Ricardo Larrain, soars above expectations. There are obvious faults, from the overgenerous length to some flashy moments that suggest Larrain's years directing commercials. There are also powerful virtues.

The story, about a teacher exiled by the military to an isolated village prone to flooding, is strong and humane. Some characterisations are too broad, but Larrain's sense of visual atmosphere makes recompense. Local men dancing together on a Friday night; the exile's visiting family marooned on a raft; the surreal flood landscape of trees and ruined buildings: these images from the real Chile resonate longer than any dreamt up in Polanski's Paris studio.

Stuart Wilson, Ben Kingsley and Sigourney Weaver working hard to convey intensity in *Death and the Maiden* but without the electricity of a live performance

David Robinson on the German director who made Dustin Hoffman into an action man for the box-office hit *Outbreak*

How the virus broke out

Wolfgang Petersen follows an old-established tradition of German star directors in Hollywood — even though a generation or two have elapsed since the great days of Fritz Lang, Ernst Lubitsch, Billy Wilder and Fred Zinnemann. *In The Line of Fire* won critical success and earned more than $170 million worldwide, while *Outbreak* has taken more than $50 million in its first five weeks in the US.

"I knew when I left school that I only wanted to make films," says 54-year-old Petersen. "But in 1960 not much was going on in German cinema, and at 19 you can't just announce you want to make a film. So instead I got permission to sit in on rehearsals in a little theatre.

"Nobody paid any attention to me: but then it was one of those stories. An actor got sick just before the opening. The director was desperate and asked if anyone knew the lines: so I raised my hand for the first time. I did the part; and everyone was amazed and touched by this 19-year-old kid doing the lines with so much big emotion. After that the director took me on as his assistant; I studied acting: and a year later was directing.

"But at 25 I ended my stage career, because I still wanted to make films. I went to the Berlin Film Academy, which had just opened." All three of the short films he made in school were bought by television, and he was taken on to direct feature-length dramatic films for a high-profile monthly series, *Scene of the Crime*. Fighting to break out of the thriller mould, he directed *The Consequence*, which was banned by Bavarian television because it dealt with a homosexual affair. Instead it was given theatrical release and brought Petersen international reputation.

The Bavaria Film Studios meanwhile found themselves saddled with a project to film Buchheim's best-seller *The Boat*, along with a huge purpose-built set of a submarine. Two attempts at American co-productions had already foundered. The new head of the studio asked if he would like to direct the film. Fearlessly, he leapt at the chance, starting by rewriting the script.

"It was the biggest postwar German production up to that time. I worked three years on the cinema version and the five-hour TV version; and it changed my life. The film was an international success and won six Oscar nominations. When that happens Hollywood offers you the world. But I resisted, and made another German film, *The Never-Ending Story*. When that turned out to be an even bigger financial success, Hollywood stepped up its invitations."

A project with Kathleen Turner was frustrated by the star's pregnancy, but served finally to ensnare Petersen. "In the end you are overwhelmed by Hollywood. I did a thriller, *Shattered*, and then *In the Line of Fire*, with Clint Eastwood. That was my real breakthrough.

"*Outbreak* has a strange history. Three years ago an article in *The New Yorker* revealed that in 1991 some African monkeys had brought a lethal virus into the United States. As in our film, the virus mutated, and was airborne. The whole thing was hushed up, but the health authorities were desperate. Then, after the monkeys had been killed, they discovered that after all the virus was not dangerous to humans.

"Hollywood seized on the story. Fox bought the rights, but Warner decided to develop their own script, reckoning that viruses are in public domain, and that in any case the original story was too anticlimactic. A year later, both scripts landed on my desk. The Fox one was great because it was factual; but Warner's was more dramatic.

"I am sure it happens in reality. As long as a Saddam Hussein is likely to use biological weapons, everyone else has to be prepared. The Japanese metro poisoning showed how available they are."

Bubbling and genial, Petersen is only slightly put out by the suggestion that the *deus ex machina* ending of the film is a shade unbelievable in medical terms. "We've compressed the time a bit for dramatic effect; but everything is true.

"Of course we took some dramatic licence to turn the third act into action adventure. In fact the scene that excites audiences most, when Dustin Hoffman goes up in a helicopter to confront the oncoming bomber aircraft, was only written three weeks before the end of shooting. Originally he simply talked to them from the ground; but Dustin said 'We have to find something more dramatic.' So we devised this idea of the mid-air confrontation. Sometimes you come up with these things when you are way down the road."

Wolfgang Petersen: big emotion

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VISUAL ART: **John Russell Taylor** on the extraordinary symbolism of a unique turn-of-the-century visionary

Coloured dreams

Chromatic riches in Odilon Redon's *Angel Executioner*

ODILON Redon was that most unclassifiable kind of artist, a visionary. He drew, and made prints, and painted, entirely out of his own haunted imagination. The closest parallels in contemporary French art — Redon was born in 1840 and died in 1916 — are not with "legitimate" painters, but with fantastic caricaturists like Grandville, with his strange anthropomorphic animals, and the often nameless journeymen who provided magazine illustrations for the tall tales of explorers and the even more unlikely projections of scientists.

Some of Redon's best-known works, the black and white graphics of nightmare creatures such as the spiders with human heads and the cactus man, have the same timeless quality as the etchings of Max Klinger, who was likewise much admired by Surrealists in search of kindred spirits.

But Redon's world is by no means confined to nightmare, or to black and white. Earlier in his career he was most interested, it seems, in exploring the weirder side of his imagination in the "purest" form of monochrome, whether pencil, charcoal or some kind of printmaking process. But within this exploration there was another: he needed to discover every possible variation and gradation of black and white, so that even in monochrome he emerges as a colourist of genius.

From the beginning he also worked incidentally in colour as it is usually understood, but it would have been impossible to predict the richness and splendour with which he was to handle the whole chromatic range when he decided to let himself go in the flower pieces and mystical/mythological figure compositions of the 1900s.

If one absolutely has to label Redon, "Symbolist" fits best. There is certainly some kinship with figures such as Gustave Moreau and Puvis de Chavannes, but Redon's art is more muscular and intense than that of either. These are no faint shadows of dreams half-remembered: when Redon is drawing or painting aureoled saints and mythical encounters it is as though he is observing them as directly and precisely as he does a vase of flowers.

Redon was little of a theoretician; though he wrote vividly about himself, he was deeply sceptical about all attempts to analyse the sources of his inspiration too closely. What did it matter how he approached the act of making art? All that finally counted was whether the result was satisfactory or not. He was the medium for ideas that came from he knew not where. He exercised complete control over the expression of these ideas, but felt perhaps that trying to define their sources was all too likely to kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

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Or is it blues? Either way, Jimmy McGriff and Hank Crawford bring a libidinous wail to Ronnie Scott's

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DAVID BOWIE The entertainer takes a change of pace with his first solo exhibition. Bowie's mini-retrospective takes in the last 20 years of his painting, drawing and printmaking, from a 1975 *Portrait of JO* to his more recent computer-generated print series *Afro-Pagan*: chromed self-portrait heads and a series of three-foot African heads.
Gallery on Cork Street, 28 Cork Street, W1 (0171-437 2812). Mon-Fri, 9.30am-6.30pm, Sat, 9.30am-4pm. Until Apr 29.

MUSIC AT THE SOUTH BANK Yakov Kreizberg makes his London debut as the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's principal conductor tonight, continuing this week's travelling programme of Debussy, Stravinsky, Franck and Beethoven. John Lill is the pianist. The Purcell Room rings to the sound of popular French melodie when the young New Zealand baritone Paul Whelan joins pianist Julius Drake for a lunchtime recital and jazz takes over in the evening for Ian Cruickshank's salute to Duke Ellington and Django Reinhardt.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). *Tonight, 7.30pm.*
Purcell Room, 1.05 and 7.30pm.

LONDON MUSICI Mark Stephenson and the acclaimed chamber orchestra embark on a *Music, Song and Dance* series, supporting "new names" and offering innovative 20th-century programmes. *Tonight's performance* includes works from Hans Werner Henze, Michael Nyman, Benjamin Britten and Roxanna Panufnik, with choreography by Mark Baldwin.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061). *Tonight, 7.30pm.*

ELSEWHERE

MANCHESTER Kent Nagano conducts the **Hallé Orchestra** for tonight's programme of Beethoven's *Symphony No 4 and Bartók's one-act operatic masterpiece, Bluebeard's Castle.* Sylvia Sass and Mihaly Kalmandi are the soloists.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (0161-834 1712). *Tonight, 7.30pm.*

STRATFORD UPON AVON Opening night for Victor Spinetti, making his Stratford debut playing the ineffable *Lord Foppington in Vanbrugh's comic* masterpiece **The Relapse**. Ian Judge directs.
Swan, *Waterside (01789 295623)*. Tonight, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

NOTTINGHAM Jeremy Sams and Laz Brotherston, the creative team for *Neville's Island*, provide a rare chance to see Alan Bennett's 1980 **Enjoy**. James Bolam and Anne Reid play the *working-class couple unwittingly* harbouring the ultimate snooper.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0115 941 9419). *Previews tonight and Fri*, 7.30pm, opens Sat, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, May 6, 2.30pm.

SCARBOROUGH Opening night for *the new musical from Alan Ayckbourn* and John Pattison, **A Word from Our Sponsor**. A vicar plans to stage a *musical version of a local Mystery play*, and is offered financial aid from a decidedly mysterious quarter.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round, Valley Bridge Parade (01723 370541). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'** Exhilarating song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **ALBERTINE IN FIVE TIMES** Michel Tremblay's fascinating portrayal of a woman at different stages of her life. Miriam Karlin among the cast of five. Madeleine Wynn directs.
Bridewell, Bride Lane (off Fleet St), EC4 (0171-936 3456). *Mon-Sat, 7.15pm.*

☐ **BROKEN GLASS** Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. *David Thacker's production, with Henry* Goodman and Margot Leicester superb as the central Jewish couple.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **DANGEROUS CORNER** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **INDIAN INK** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest: wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** First night of previews for Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit and Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. Opens April 25, 7pm.

■ **THE MAN WHO** A very brief season for further performances of Brook's astonishing staging of episodes from *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 *(0171-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat* 4pm. No perf May 1, until May 6.

☐ **ONE FINE DAY** Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted *dad caught up in a child-abuse case.* Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **OUR BOYS** Jonathan Lewis's *searching drama set in a military hospital* where the soldiers start questioning the army's commitment to them. Nick Turner directs. First seen at Derby.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, *WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Fri, 8pm,* Sat, 8.15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Until May 13.

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE** David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE LITTLE RASCALS** (U) Tame adventures of innocent imps, based on the Our Gang shorts. Penelope Spheeris directs a difficult child cast.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

MURIEL'S WEDDING (15) Ugly duckling becomes swan in P.J. Hogan's boisterous, quirky Aussie comedy.
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POETIC JUSTICE (15) Over-ambitious romantic odyssey from Boyz N the Hood director John Singleton, with Janet Jackson.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15) A teenager's first theatre experiences. Fascinating adaptation, drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
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◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18) Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore: superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's blockbuster.
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◆ **DROP ZONE** (15) Wesley Snipes goes undercover to catch sky-diving criminals. Good aerial stunts; otherwise an empty action thriller.
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THEATRE: Vanessa Redgrave champions Yugoslav drama; John Godber spoofs the lottery

Impenetrable cry for freedom

The Liberation of Skopje
Riverside

DONALD COOPER

Comrades in persecution: Vanessa Redgrave and Rade Serbedzija at the Riverside

The Redgrave siblings, Corin and Vanessa, have called the two-month season their Moving Theatre is presenting at Riverside "Memory", since its aim is to keep us mindful of the political atrocities perpetrated during this dire century. The only question is, will Memory leave us anything to remember? Last week the Sarajevo International Festival Ensemble cancelled its performances. This week comes a play from the former Yugoslavia, with Vanessa herself in the lead, much of which I find myself enthusiastically forgetting as I tap out these words.

Ljubisa Ristic first directed Dusan Jovanovic's *Liberation of Skopje* in Zagreb in 1977 and has apparently been responsible for all major revivals of the play since, including the present one. Perhaps he should give it a rest, for the impression left by his English-language version is of a private happening that only fitfully reaches across the footlights. There are touching moments, at least in the second half. But the production too often manages to be clumsy, incoherent and woefully lacking in the frantic atmosphere that it seeks to evoke.

That is a pity, for beneath the clutter is a play about Communists in Nazi-occupied Skopje notable for its lack of attitudinising and zealotry. There is no attempt to disguise the sad truth that torture reduces the resistance hero Georgij (Rade Serbedzija) into a brain-damaged drunk, an extra burden his long-suffering relatives don't need. There is sympathy both for his sister-in-law Lica (Hilary Tones), who beds a German in order to secure food and protection for the family, and for his wife Lence (Vanessa Redgrave), who encourages her to keep the affair going. Add plenty of treachery among the Communists themselves, and you have what could be an honest, moving, even powerful picture of what happens to the most high-minded people when the struggle to survive becomes too taxing.

Could be. In fact, much that occurs seems almost wilfully designed to impede communication and prevent dramatic lift-off. Ristic's intermittent attempts to treat the local Fascists as grotesques is particularly miscalculated. Why, in this crumbling cityscape, should solemn gents in black overcoats be flourishing red noses? And why does so much of the play come in brief bursts — some in dumbshow, some inexplicably repeated — to a fearful hullabaloo from the canned-music section?

If the result is to keep us mindful of anything, it is less of a crazed town, more of monomaniac direction. Even so, there are occasions when an unpretentious naturalism is allowed. Serbedzija skilfully charts an unevenly successful battle to recover his human self from the animal one, and the animal from the vegetable. Redgrave has a couple of fine scenes with Thomas Orange, the excellent child actor playing her nephew. She is at her most emotionally true when gently explaining to him why she has to barter the sandals that were his father's parting gift. That moment at least should stick in the memory.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

They could be you

Lucky Sods
Hull Truck Theatre, Hull

FLABBERGASTINGLY popular in his own right, playwright John Godber is cashing in on the latest phenomenon of our country's mass culture. Yes, wait for it . . . it's the Lottery Play.

I admit that I was not exactly on the edge of my seat, screaming with insane anticipation, as I clutched my ticket to *Lucky Sods* and the minutes ticked away to showtime. In part this was because I am one of the few Britons who frankly don't give an eponymous sod about the national sweepstake. But more to the point, totting up the odds so far, I had begun to lose hope of hitting on a good Godber play.

Well, cross those fingers and hey presto! *Lucky Sods* is a pleasant surprise: not astounding, maybe, yet surely the theatrical equivalent of winning a tenner.

The Sods are an average couple. Morris scrapes a living as a security guard (Iain Rogerson, tubbily stolid, yet jumpily dissatisfied). His wife Jean (Christine Cox, curled skinnily in the armchair, watching *Blind Date*) works in the video shop which, Morris says, has never had anything decent. Then their numbers come up. They win two million. In fact, Jean becomes positively uncanny. Every time we come across her, she has struck gold again. Godber's sit-com takes a surreal twist.

However, *Lucky Sods* shows that money can't buy you love. Jean's sister Annie pops round and, getting some insensitive treatment, betrays disgruntlement. By Christmas they are sulking about measly presents; criticising Jean for not sending donations to sick children; and stirring up trouble by mentioning Morris's old flame, Connie.

Nor do financial gains cure the marriage, damaged by the past death of an offspring and Jean's infertility. Sudden wealth seems to divide Jean and Morris: she living it up extravagantly; he struggling to shake off penny-pinching habits, then going wild with Connie before returning to find fate has ruined his chances of reviving life with Jean.

The play is too schematic and lacks bite, but there are sharp moments. Directed by Godber, the acting includes fine work from Rogerson and Cox. Janet Dibley is weak as Morris's senile mother, but comes into her own as the calculating Connie.

KATE BASSETT

JAZZ: Virtuosos revel in their blues backgrounds

The soul of discretion

Jimmy McGriff/Hank Crawford Quartet
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AS MIGHT be inferred from the titles of their albums together — *Soul Survivors, Steppin' Up* and *On the Blue Side* — Hammond organist Jimmy McGriff and alto saxophonist Hank Crawford tap more readily into blues and R&B for their inspiration than into straight jazz. McGriff made his name backing blues singers such as Mabel Smith and Junior Parker; Crawford cut his musical teeth in the bands of Ike Turner and Ray Charles (for whom he was musical director).

Like many other artists with similar credentials, McGriff and Crawford appeal as strongly to dancers as to seated listeners. A club engagement thus provided a welcome opportunity to savour the less groove-orientated strengths of their sound: massive but airy swing, a painstaking attention to the subtleties of textural and dynamic contrast, a sure sense of musical drama, all delivered with the beguiling informality that is born of sheer professionalism.

Appearing with guitarist Wayne Boyd and drummer Don Williams, McGriff and Crawford began their set with a buoyant but robust version of *Just in Time*. Although Crawford's alto sound has been described with some justification as "a libidinous wail", with this and later standard fare such as *Our Love is Here to Stay*, he demonstrated a delicacy of approach and a smoothness of tone more redolent of Duke Ellington's rhapsodic master, Johnny Hodges, than of more unequivocally blues-based influences. McGriff, too, utilised all his instrument's considerable resources to infuse the familiar with fresh vibrancy.

The blues features, however, provided the evening's true highlights. Whether squeezing out the slow, earnestly appealing blues of the variety specialised in by B.B. King, or playing their staple fare, relaxed shuffling blues, McGriff and Crawford proved that their music's direct, unpretentious appeal to the heart — and feet — in no sense compromises the improvisatory jazz spirit with which it is infused. Accessible, energetic and virtuosic, their music is that increasingly rare commodity, the Genuine Article.

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Loudly let the trumpet bray: Roger Norrington ushers in the peers and fairies of *Iolanthe*

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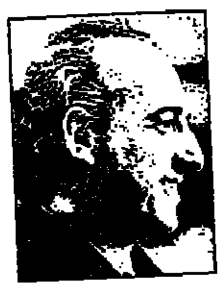

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One hip-hop to Euro-pop

Don't be surprised if a rap song wins the Eurovision, says **David Toop**. Despite its image, rap can be fun too

Love City Groove, the rap band upon which British hopes are pinned in next month's Eurovision Song Contest

Say what you like about outmoded institutions, there is some comfort to be gained from owing that sectors of the pulace still enjoy beauty geants, a day of rest on nday and the Eurovision ng Contest. We can rest sured that for somebody, mewhere, time stands still d the boundaries of culture e boldly marked.

For the rest of us, all those ozen symbols of life as it was the 1950s have thawed into phabet soup. Happy in our nfusion, we trek to hippy ck festivals to watch middle-f-the-road singers sing in the unshine, we launch painfully ashionable easy-listening lubs — or we vote for rap ecords on the sportily retitled *ong For Europe*.

But when Love City Groove's *Love City Groove* won the vote as United Kingdom representative in the orthcoming song contest, the ra that embraced the Black nd White Minstrels, *Sing Something Simple* and Katie Boyle intoning "nul point" was surely foreclosed. Finally, public opinion just said no to the *Boom Bang-a-Bang* aesthetic. Or as the Love City Groover named Beanz was heard to say about the result: "It's blown away once and for all the myth that rap-based music isn't popular music."

Having wiped out such formidable talents as Samantha Fox in the eliminator, Beanz may be forgiven his flurry of chest-beating. In truth, *Love City Groove* is a pleasant few minutes of rap [illegible] which bears little relationship to hip-hop heavyweights. Nothing wrong with it as pop music. As every schoolchild should know, a kilo of feathers falls to the ground as quickly as a kilo of lead. View this confection alongside those grim and gritty rap videos, however, and any comparison becomes laughable.

That is the theory, at least. As it transpires, significant numbers of current hip-hop videos are concerned with female body parts and their scantily-clad display thereof, rather than trenchant social comment. After a few tough years of menace and morbidity, the pleasure principle seems to have returned.

> ‘In truth, *Love City Groove* has little in common with hip-hop heavyweights’

Rap on record began this way. The first hip-hop hit, *Rapper's Delight* by the Sugarhill Gang, is ancient enough now to warrant appearances on nostalgia television. Footage so dated as to appear utterly contemporary reveals the Gang surrounded by party-mad disco dancers, all of them dressed in styles that make *Saturday Night Fever*-period John Travolta look sartorially drab.

This feelgood factor has long been disowned by serious hip-hop theorists, but spare a thought for novelty rap. Few genres of music have been so fervently analysed in academic circles, yet so reviled by self-styled "real music" fans. For the musical obsessive who narrates Nick Hornby's *High Fidelity*, hip-hop is as low on the credibility list as Pee-Wee Herman. Personally, I am still waiting for the Pee-Wee Herman comeback. Besides, any form of music so torn asunder by glorification and hatred deserves the gentle breeze of a novelty hit now and again.

Stutter Rap by Morris Minor and the Majors, for example: who could forget? I could, in fact. The specifics are lost but vague memories linger of a *Top of the Pops* appearance by some comedians, one of whom later made regular appearances as a humorous television panelist. *Wikka Rap* by The Evasions is another lost gem of hip-hop flippancy. Students of low culture will recall that this particular record traded on a similarity between the onomatopoeic wikka-wikka noise of hip-hop record scratching and the name of a famous television broadcaster.

Then there were breakdance records. Breakdancing began as a spectacular kind of street dance before it became a cornerstone of such Hollywood movie milestones as *Breakdance 1* and, of course, *Breakdance 2*. The sight of young people spinning on their heads proved irresistible to those movers and shakers who start fads and crazes. No shopping city was complete without a bunch of pre-teens setting themselves up for lengthy osteopathy sessions in later life.

There were great breakdance records, there were appalling ones, and there was one which sounded not unlike *Love City Groove*. Pardon me if the title escapes me, but these things are not meant to last. However, just to contradict that particular rule, consider the Beastie Boys. Their first rap record, *Cookie Puss*, was inspired by ice cream. Later came *Fight For Your Right (To Party)* and other anthems for socially indifferent slackers. After years of buffoonery the Beastie Boys seemed to slide into the corner of oblivion reserved for novelty artists. Ten years later, that slide has been reversed and the band are vaunted as high priests of the new category-defying underground.

The same cannot be said for the Fat Boys. Their gimmick required no explanation. A brief appearance on *Miami Vice* and a collaboration with the Beach Boys may have counted against them when posterity considered their case. Yet they deserve to be remembered for the manner in which they contrasted images of excess with pathetic rhymes: "Now it started off when I was very small; I devoured chocolate cakes, plates, candles and all."

Love City Groove may not have lines to rival these. But if it wins *Song For Europe* then next year we can expect every commercial rap act from Heraklion to Hammerfest to enter a tune. After all, few of us know where Europe is any more; why should we know the difference between hip-hop and Euro-pop?

OPERETTA

Peerless group of peers

Iolanthe
Festival Hall

IN FOR a penny, in for a pound, as the Lord Chancellor sings. The LPO decided to give a liberal serving of Gilbert's dialogue as well as Sullivan's music at Tuesday's concert performance of *Iolanthe*. They carefully selected singers who looked the part, but then sandwiched them at the back of the platform between orchestra and chorus. Perhaps conductor Roger Norrington wanted to keep an especially beady eye on his strong cast.

This led to projection difficulties in the opening half hour. Neither Sullivan nor Gilbert was at his best at the start of the piece. The composer was too busy making musical jokes about *Rheingold*, with Iolanthe exiled at the bottom of a stream until summoned by the Brünnhilde-like Fairy Queen. The *Ring* was as much the rage in the London of the 1880s as it is now. And his librettist was indulging in mildly risqué jokes about fairies. Norrington took all this slowly and a shade prissily. *Iolanthe*, not a very familiar piece in London after the passing of Frank Hauser's Sadler's Wells production, was failing to penetrate the expanses of the Festival Hall.

The arrival of representatives of the House of Lords, Gilbert's true if gently derided subject, changed that. The trumpets brayed and the men of the LPO chorus put on some clarion voice. Richard Suart as the Lord Chancellor gave everyone a lesson in articulation and shaping a joke. He rushed on and appeared to have trouble with his music stand, before making it clear in *The Law is the True Embodiment* that he was the last person to need a score. When the *Nightmare Song* came in Act II, Suart even made a foray into the orchestra before collapsing in a miasma of bad dreams and then recovering swiftly for the trio *If You Go In*.

This, the most delectable number in the score, brought out the best in Neil Jenkins's grizzled Lord Tolloller and Gordon Sandison's Lord Mountararat. Sandison also made much of *When Britain Really Rul'd the Waves*, not a patriotic number from *Pinafore*, but a hymn to lordly inactivity.

Suart may on occasion overdo the mugging, but he spurred on his fellow artists. Alison Hagley, tossing her blonde mane, was a haughty Phyllis, understandably so with every lordling at her feet. There was a little hardness in her soprano, which softened when she was in duet with her true love Strephon, sung with grace by Gerald Finley.

Iolanthe's main number comes right at the end: Roger Norrington slowed down the LPO and Susan Bickley gave it full sentimental weight. Sarah Walker's Fairy Queen was too often underpowered until she met the excellent Private Willis of Jonathan Best. Was it not Kenneth Baker who suggested this was Gilbert commenting on Queen Victoria and John Brown? Sedition still reigns.

JOHN HIGGINS

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Gerald Larner talks to the pianist behind Manchester's two-week celebration of French music

Fauré on foreign soil

An ancient Yorkshire longhouse, just south of the Dales National Park and just west of the Pennine Way, is an unlikely place for the power-generator of a festival devoted to that most intimately French of French composers, Gabriel Fauré. And Manchester — which Fauré visited on a concert tour in 1908 and found "black, smoky, foggy and altogether terrible" — is an unlikely place to present it.

But where Kathryn Stott is, there is French music in general and Fauré in particular. There is also a conviction that London has enough festivals of this kind and that Manchester is now, as she trustingly puts it, "a city with a lot going for it".

As for the power, you only have to experience the romantic intensity of her Fauré recordings, or the extraordinary vigour of her recent Chabrier disc, to realise what creative energy there is within the engagingly unassuming personality and the unimposing stature of Kathryn Stott. Firmly independent in spirit, she refuses to be manipulated by managers and to be trapped on the M25 between Gatwick and Heathrow. Instead, she is happily rooted, with her husband and ten-year-old daughter, in her not particularly pretty little valley, where what's left of her mid-Pennine accent sounds right and where she can work without interruption between her periodical departures from Manchester airport.

The French connection was formed at the Yehudi Menuhin School where she had several French teachers, including Nadia Boulanger, a pupil of Fauré, and Vlado Perlemuter, an associate of Ravel and a direct link to performing traditions going back to beyond the turn of the century. But it was only later, when she made her first recording for Conifer, that she closed in on Fauré — at this stage as a composer with a name conveniently known to everyone for his Requiem and with a distinguished solo-piano catalogue just as conveniently known to few. Now, in a different frame of mind, she has just completed a four-disc set of the complete Fauré piano works for Hyperion.

Kathryn Stott: creative energy and independence

She admits that learning the late works was hard. "You get them out and you can't make head or tail of them. They look so difficult that you are tempted to put them away again" — which is exactly what happened when she and Yo-Yo Ma, a regular chamber-music partner, first approached the cello sonatas. The secret, she discovered, "is not in the melodic interest, as it is in the immediately appealing early work, but in the harmonies".

The experience of getting to know those prophetic works of Fauré's old age only strengthened her resolve to mount a Fauré festival to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth. She has been working on it for three years, devising the programmes, engaging the artists — including Yan Pascal Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic, the Nash Ensemble, Yo-Yo Ma, the Labèque Sisters, Augustin Dumay, Raphael Oleg, Della Jones — and raising the funds as well.

"The fundraising was the frightening part of it," she says. So who's responsible if the festival fails to break even? "I am." Though she expresses disappointment with North West Arts and Manchester City Council for refusing to support what is, after all, a major contribution to the musical life of the region and an adornment on the reputation of the city, she is not frightened of making a loss. "This is something I believe in, and I knew that if I didn't do it no one else would."

With luck she shouldn't end up out of pocket. But, since she needs a 66 per cent capacity audience for no fewer than eight chamber concerts or solo recitals and three orchestral concerts in 12 days — all of them devoted to Fauré and his French contemporaries — it will be a near thing.

She has secured substantial financial support from the French Embassy and from Watmough's (printers of *Hello!* magazine among other things) who, she says, "are the sort of sponsor everyone needs. They just leave you to get on with it." She has also had considerable encouragement from the BBC, who will be broadcasting not only the three BBC PO concerts but also five of the other events.

By now she has put the financial worries behind her and is not at all apprehensive about the stress of the two weeks between next Monday and May 6. "No, I'm excited about it. I've been thinking about Fauré and the French Connection for three years, working hard on it every day for the past 18 months, and now I can't wait to see how it works. If I can communicate something of the personality of the man himself, so charming in his youth and so profound in his rather sad old age, I'll be happy."

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CONCERT: Maxwell Davies and the BBC PO in New York

Fire in the Bronx

AS. A climax to its cross-country tour of the United States, the BBC Philharmonic played three concerts in three nights in New York City. The three evenings, performed in three of the city's five boroughs, constituted a little retrospective of the works of Peter Maxwell Davies, the orchestra's composer/conductor, who introduced the works at every concert.

The Bronx is a most unusual venue for symphonic music. The Lehman Centre for the Performing Arts, on a university campus in the middle of one of New York's toughest neighbourhoods, is ringed with barbed-wire fences and guardposts. Given the context, *Cross Lane Fair*, with its gaily clad Celtic drummer and juggling Northumberland pipes player, was a happy choice to acquaint the Bronx with Maxwell Davies.

The Beltane Fire, an as-yet unchoreographed ballet which had received its world premiere a few days earlier at Boston's Symphony Hall, made a powerful impression as a brilliantly coloured, complex composition.

Set on Hoy in the Orkneys, it narrates the legend of a forbidden love affair of the 1600s between the indigenous pagan religion, which the composer represents with Celtic music played by a folk band, and the Kirk, which is suggested by deep, heavy strings and brass. The climax of the piece is a dionysiac fire-and-whisky ritual — a sort of Caledonian *Rite of Spring* — which gives the piece its name.

The orchestrations are finely colourful, finding myriad shadings within the composer's sombre, primarily baritonal palette. There were passages that lagged, as though providing exposition for and commenting upon the ballet which has yet to be choreographed, and the occasional cliché. Nonetheless, *The Beltane Fire* is a very considerable work, which left one longing to see it staged.

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Stella Tillyard acclaims a sympathetic portrait of Tom Paine: freethinker, bestseller, survivor

The prophet of revolution who was also Burke's peer

Tom Paine was probably the most widely read writer of the 18th century. His three great pamphlets, *Common Sense*, *The Rights of Man* and *The Age of Reason*, sold millions of copies and moulded the beliefs of a generation in Europe and America. John Keane's new biography ambitiously attempts to put Paine's life and works in the context of the political upheavals to which he contributed: American independence, the French Revolution, Pitt's "reign of terror" in Britain and the twilight of the Enlightenment in the Napoleonic Wars.

Keane's introduction rather testily dismisses all Paine's earlier biographers. But he is motivated less by dislike of his predecessors than by love for his subject, and he offers a compelling account of a man whose life deserves a greater place in our memories and whose works should sit next to Burke's on our shelves.

TOM PAINE
A Political Life
By John Keane
Bloomsbury, £25

After an artisanal upbringing, infused with Quakerism and tinged with Methodism, and an early career as a staymaker, excise man and debater, Paine left England in 1774. Eighteen months after arriving in Philadelphia, where he found work as a jobbing editor and journalist, he published *Common Sense*, which put the case against monarchy and for American independence, and sold 150,000 copies.

Common Sense caught and solidified the rebellious American mood just before the Declaration of Independence, and Paine became principal political pamphleteer to the revolution. Keane reports that demoralised American troops were read the quasi-Shakespearean call-to-arms in Paine's next pamphlet before the battle of Trenton: "These are times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it *now* deserves the love and thanks of every man and woman." Although he always claimed to write in simple language, Paine knew the value of this kind of rhetoric. With his exhortation in their hearts, the Americans routed their enemies.

Fifteen years later Paine found an adversary whose literary skills equalled his own, and who spurred him to produce his next great work, *The Rights of Man*, published in 1791-92. By that time he was back in Britain, disillusioned with peacetime America, warning of its potential for popular despotism and determined to live where his words could best do their work.

In the winter of 1789-90 he visited Paris. Delighted with the early phase of the French Revolution, he arrived back in London determined to write a pamphlet in its defence. His correspondent Edmund Burke, meanwhile, was constructing a denunciation. It was the maniacal, baroque brilliance of Burke's *Reflections*, with their proto-Powellite intensity and rage, their over-balanced hatred of the "swinish multitude" and their prescient recognition that events in France constituted a "revolution in sentiments, manners and moral opinions", that inspired Paine to the defiantly "plain truths" of *The Rights of Man*. Paine refuted Burke point for point, seeing despotism where Burke saw monarchical order and predicting the civilising potential of democracy where Burke saw only a threat to stability.

Paine also pitted his "simple" language against Burke's rhetorical avalanche, recognising, as did some of his opponents, that style is ideological. As the hostile erstwhile Rousseauian, Brooke Boothby, noticed, Paine seemed to write "in defiance of grammar", as if syntax were an aristocratic convention.

Keane's description of Paine's life after the publication of *The Rights of Man*, and his account of the 1790s in Britain, put the much-needed counter-case to recent historiography that concentrates on aristocracy, church and loyalism. He shows that, needlessly or otherwise, Pitt's Government was convinced in the aftermath of the phenomenal success of *The Rights of Man*, which sold more than half a million copies, that Paineite activity and belief was a genuine threat and revolution a genuine possibility.

All the Pittite talks of repression — suppression of *habeas corpus*, spy networks, trials for "seditious libel", the publication of propaganda — had been used earlier in the century, but this was the first time they had been deployed with such sophisticated coordination. Radical activity was ruthlessly suppressed, nowhere more so than in what Keane calls the "blood-stained soil of Ireland", where 30,000 died in the rebellion of 1798.

By then, Paine had fled to France, undermined in his absence as a traitor. Keane shows Paine in Paris as an heroic figure whose private life — or not-published life — comes into focus. Paine had always been determined to live up to his ideals and not profit by their popularity. In France he was initially the darling of the Convention, but became a marked man when he fell out with Robespierre. It was then that he showed himself to be a great humanitarian.

Locked up in the Luxembourg prison for nearly all of 1794, and daily expecting a summons to the guillotine, he calmly continued in his belief in the civilising power of political debate and the ability of individuals to withstand despotism by their own conduct. As a fellow prisoner remembered: "He was the confidant of the unhappy, the counsellor of the perplexed: and to his sympathising friendship many a devoted victim, in the hour of death, confided the last cares of humanity and the last wishes of tenderness". Against the odds, and very dramatically, Paine survived the Terror and preserved his belief in humanity. He had his weaknesses, especially over-indulgence in self-promotion and brandy. But his moral strength went beyond them.

He needed it all during his last years in America, where he lived into destitute old age, neglected as a fossil of the Enlightenment and reviled as an atheist. Keane's moving description of Paine — alone and depressed, but continuing to write and debate — completes a comprehensive portrait of an exemplary life.

Stella Tillyard's Aristocrats *is now available in Vintage paperback.*

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Gillray alludes to Paine's work making stays in *Fashion Before Ease: A good Constitution sacrificed for a Fantastick Form*

Enemy's enemy is my fiend

Ian Brodie

WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE
Reagan, Bush and Saddam, 1982-90
By Bruce W. Jentleson
Norton, £18.50

On August 25, 1988, fi days after the Ira-Iraq war ended, Saddam Hussein unleashed a "final offensive" on the Irai Kurds. Planes and helicopte rained chemical warfare on Kurdish villages. Troo blocked escape routes a went in to raze homes a finish off stragglers. Outraged, the US Senate demanded economic sanctions agai Iraq, but President Reaga refused, saying they wou jeopardise "cordial relations.

After Iraq's Kuwait invasion, a former Reagan aie lamented that Saddam's use poison gas against the Kur and Iran had been the gre missed opportunity "to put or foot down". As Bruce Jentleson recounts in *With Frien Like These*, ignoring Saddam's disregard for the trea banning chemical warfa which Iraq had signed, wa just one in a series of disastrous miscalculations Washington and London b fore the Gulf War. The traged began when Reagan tilted favour of Iraq against Ira still loathed for its capture the US Embassy. He reasone that "the enemy of my enem is my friend".

Washington erroneously de clared that Iraq no longe sponsored terrorism, openin the way for an Iraqi buyin spree of Western technology t modernise Baghdad's arme forces and to develop nuclear chemical and biological weapons, plus ballistic missiles an the "Supergun". Export certificates falsely described militar supplies as being for civilia use: 21 helicopters were for "re creation". Saddam created a global network of front companies, such as Matrix-Churchill in Coventry and Ohio.

President Bush compounded the wrong-headed policy with his scandalous National Security Directive 26 in October 1989. Dismissing C warnings, it enshrined t rationale that Iraq woul "moderate its behaviour" given political and economi incentives, including $1 billio in US government grain cre its. Even with Iraqi troo massed on the Kuwaiti bord April Glaspie, US Ambassador in Baghdad, assured Saddam the US had "no opinion in the dispute. A week later Bush was frantically rallyin the world to war.

Saddam celebrates the election defeat of George Bush in November 1992

Jentleson, a foreign polic adviser to the Clinton Administration, concludes that th enemy-enemy-friend strateg must be handled far mor prudently in future. The threa of a mutual enemy can tak priority, but not to the exclusion of all issues of conflict The prospective friend mus know that co-operation has it rewards but non-cooperatio its consequences: There mus be a greater sense of proportion between the support provided and the threat faced.

The book is nit-pickingly edited ("Bonn, Germany") and indexed with capricious inadequacy. The text is devoid o colour, atmosphere and description, but is a detailed road map for other historians t follow. Jentleson's warning is a reminder, as we await the Scott report and other nations put pressure on Britain to lif sanctions against Iraq, tha Saddam remains in power unbeaten and unbowed.

WEEKEND BOOKS

Nigella Lawson reviews Fay Weldon's latest novel *Splitting*, which tackles multiple personalities. Plus: children's books, thrillers and paperbacks

Floundering fathers of federalism

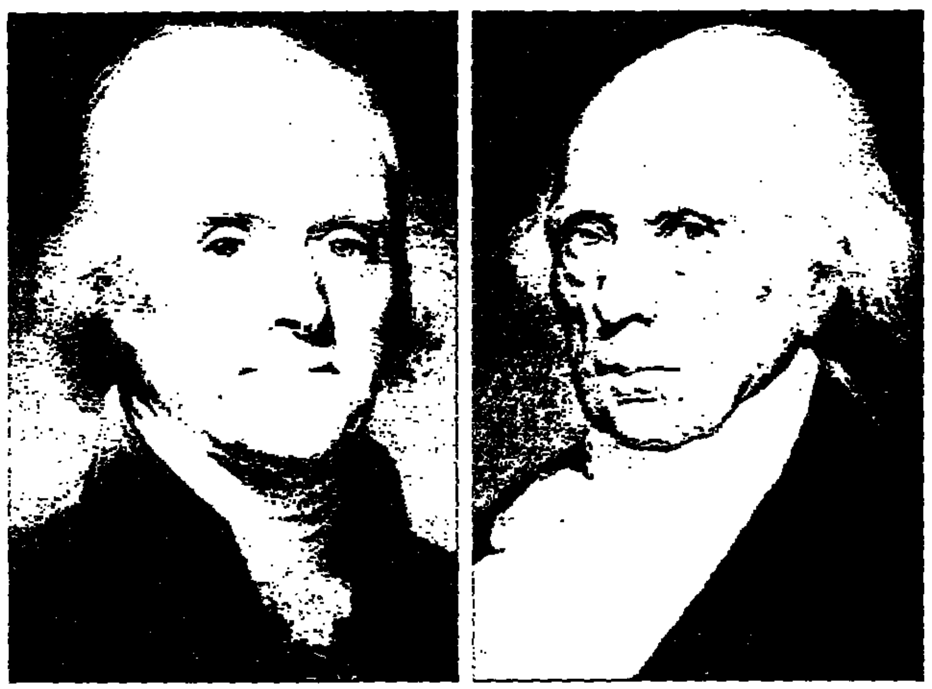
What is it like being ruled by philosopher kings? As nations struggle to throw off what used to be called the shackles of tyranny, they are often invited to reject the shipyard populism of Lech Walesa for the Platonic ideal of Vaclav Havel with all too little idea of what lies in store for them.

One Great Experiment might warn them: a nation whose independence is supposed to have been rationally planned: whose constitution was framed by political theorists of world-historical significance: whose early political life was entrusted to philosopher statesmen, if not to philosopher kings.

This myth of the founding of the United States once again grows in influence as nations are urged to level their ancient polities and to erect new written constitutions, devised by academic experts. They point for authority to the one unchallengeable model, the proof of the integrity and idealism of that glittering array of philosopher statesmen, the Founding Fathers.

Looked at more critically, rather fewer of them deserve that accolade. Seen aside from the heroic setting of the American Revolution, few would have held their own in the world of the *philosophes*. Next to Voltaire and Rousseau, none figures. However much Franklin was lionised in the salons, perhaps only Jefferson could really be ranked with Europeans like d'Alembert, Burke, Condillac, Condorcet, Diderot, Goethe, Gibbon, Helvetius, d'Holbach, Hume, Johnson, Kant and the rest.

The new Republic produced only one classic of political theory, *The Federalist*. Yet the real nature of this remarkable piece of special pleading by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay in favour of the Constitution of 1787 was obscured by the creation of the American myth: it was reinterpreted as a brilliant squaring of the circle, the achievement of a libertarian federal polity rather than the agonised papering-over of cracks which disastrously opened again with the Civil War of the 1860s.



Thomas Jefferson and James Madison: philosopher statesmen, but still politicians

What were the politics of this group of American philosopher statesmen like on the inside? This monumental edition of the letters of the two most prestigious of them, impeccably edited, is a fair enough sample.

Jonathan Clark

THE REPUBLIC OF LETTERS
The Correspondence between Thomas Jefferson and James Madison 1776-1826
Edited by James Morton Smith
Norton, 3 vols, £151

Both were theorists. Jefferson described himself on his gravestone as "Author of the Declaration of American independence, of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom and Father of the University of Virginia". James Morton Smith writes Madison's in the same style: "Author of the Memorial and Remonstrance for Religious Freedom, Father of the Constitution of the United States and of the Federal Bill of Rights and Defender of the Union".

Both were practical politicians too, each twice President: the most striking absence from their letters is the world of ideas. These two sages reacted to events, like ordinary men, on an ad hoc basis, and reacted very differently. Jefferson was appalled that the Philadelphia Convention of 1787 exceeded its instructions and created a superstate: Madison proposed using Federal troops against erring states. Jefferson went to the opposite libertarian extreme. Madison anxiously sought stable government and security of property: Jefferson euphorically speculated on democratic accountability and the autonomy of each generation to remake its laws and constitution afresh. Yet each thought that he stood for the principles of 1776.

Madison condemned the rebellions of 1786 and 1794 against the new Republic. Jefferson, in Paris as American minister, reacted to news of the first with the chilling observation that "a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storm in the physical". Governors should be "so mild in their punishment of rebellions, as not to discourage them too much". But if Jefferson's naivety was exposed by the French Revolution, the cautious Madison, when President, was tricked by Napoleon into the war of 1812 with Britain.

Jefferson and Madison were enlisted in the same party, in opposition to Alexander Hamilton's Federalists, but even party imperatives did not force these two theorists to pull together. Their disagreement went to the heart of the politics of the new republic: were the states or the union sovereign? Could a state annul a federal law as unconstitutional, or was its only redress through the Supreme Court? They created the problem, then cleverly left it unresolved.

Neither philosopher had an answer to the problems of principle posed to their egalitarianism by slavery: both remained slave-owners until their deaths. If principle got in the way, it could be sacrificed: when Jefferson as President sought congressional ratification of the Louisiana Purchase, an act which even he declared was "beyond the Constitution", his warning to Madison was: "I infer that the less we say about the constitutional difficulties respecting Louisiana the better."

Despite their graver tone, these letters remind one of Richard Crossman's diaries. Harold Wilson's Great Experiment of the 1960s was similarly mythologised as the apotheosis of the expert, academic and idealist. In 1939, the young Crossman published a book calling on his contemporaries "to reconstruct our society upon the principles of scientific planning".

Crossman's *Diaries* show what that meant in practice once he achieved Cabinet rank: the lofty generalisations about long-term ideals swamped by the mass of detailed daily business: policy problems dealt with by instant reactions, often the result of horse-trading. Little of this was known at the time: disillusion came later. The Crossman known to the political public was the New College don, author of *Plato Today*, every inch the philosopher statesman. But distance has lent enchantment to Jefferson and Madison: their reputations are likely to be enhanced by a superb edition which, in fact, subtly challenges them.

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THE TITLE of this slim, green volume could be considered an unforgivable piece of trickery, were it not for the fact that its author, and principal subject, is a shameless literary trickster, always readily forgiven by his adoring public for the pranks he plays.

Some trusting readers will buy this book because they think it is a different red notebook altogether; the one that belonged to a man called Quinn and held the key to the first story in Auster's most celebrated work, his *New York Trilogy*. But, as readers of that book may remember, in the penultimate paragraph the red notebook passed out of the hands of the character called Paul Auster and into those of the new and nameless narrator. It is gone forever in all but name.

Giles Coren

THE RED NOTEBOOK
By Paul Auster
Faber, £14.99

The Red Notebook is in fact a collection of odds and ends. There are 13 "true stories"; three prefaces to books anthologised, edited, or translated by Auster; and three interviews by the author — seemingly collated rather for the sake of collation than for anything more glorious. But the whole does offer a glimpse inside Auster's mind that is unmediated by the creative artifice of *Leviathan* or *Mr Vertigo*.

Most rewarding are the 13 stories. Each is a short, anecdotal narrative, with a final line informing us what the characters are doing at the moment, in the readerly present that exists after the "story" has ended. The 13th ends: "This really happened. Like everything else I have set down in this red notebook, it is a true story." There is no reason to disbelieve this, as long as we always remember that the notebook is green.

Each story is about a coincidence, a tiny event that in most lives would be forgotten. The epigramatic style has those hints of Calvino and Borges that characterise Auster's longer fiction, as well as the paucity of superfluous colour, and use of initials rather than full names, that signify his indebtness to the Germanic tradition of Kafka and Horvath. Each is a baby novel in its own right.

As for the prefaces, the first is an unremarkable survey of modern French poetry, the second a reflection on Mallarmé that runs a little deeper. They do little more than impress us with the novelist's knowledge of his subject, and point out some of the influences on his youthful poetry. Devotees of the novelist will be disappointed. The third is an argument for the acceptance of high-wire walking, and of the work of one "walker" in particular, as an art form — a little left-field, a little more Austerish.

In the interviews, the veil of creativity is lifted altogether as Auster explains his literary philosophy in the language of the layman: "Writing is no longer an act of free will for me, it's a matter of survival. An image surges up inside me ... I have no choice but to embrace it." This occasionally descends into a Sunday supplement luvviness, a prosaic soul-baring that is unnecessary from this consummate stylist. Divested of rigour, his unpremeditated sentiments are too like anybody else's.

AUSTER has always stressed that books need be no more explicable by formal causality, nor any more laden with incident, than our own humdrum quotidian existence. If we are prepared to go along with that, we should be able to get over the initial disappointment that this book is not what it initially seemed, and appreciate that it is far better than it might have been.

He that is down need fear no fall: long live the underdog

Flora Fraser

THE LITERARY
COMPANION TO
LOW LIFE
By Fiona Pitt-Kethley
Sinclair-Stevenson, £17.99

Feeling low? Lying low? Cheer up, forget those unfortunate creditors, and dip into *The Literary Companion to Low Life*. But don't expect contemporary tales of debauchery, the seamier side of rock and roll, "crack" and "smack" crime, or a certain spectacular columnist.

In this thoughtfully chosen anthology Fiona Pitt-Kethley eschews the modern British masters of the disreputable who offers us armchair sinners a walk on the wild side. (Permission fees?) Also forget Henry Miller, Damon Runyon, Sinclair Lewis over there and Brecht, Zola, Cervantes nearer here. "It is the British obsession with class that has made us world leaders in writing about lowness", Pitt-Kethley informs us. "Again and again I found myself throwing out other Europeans in favour of English pieces." Only the Russians — 19th century, natch — get a look in. "But they are definitely less good on the comic side of lowness." Breathtaking.

Low Life is a sober survey of degradation and abasement in England and elsewhere circa 1600 to 1900, dug out from prose and poetry of those years. It will convince you, more than any issue of the *Big Issue*, that your lot is a happy one.

1973 / 1985 / 1992 deceased: the third frame in this triptych has been left deliberately blank by Milton Rogovin, a Lower West Side optometrist in Buffalo, New York, who photographed his patients 1973-1992; from *Triptychs* (Norton, £30), with essays by Stephen Jay Gould *et al*

The most cheerful character by far in the collection is Falstaff — admitted on his own deathbed, babbling of green fields and dreaming of drink. Dostoevsky's *House of the Dead* yields a frightening passage on a dressing-gown, *prison hospital issue*, "saturated with all sorts of unpleasant discharges, lotions, matter from broken blisters" after years immemorial on other patients' backs.

The "marks of weakness, marks of woe" which Blake notes in every London face he meets are infectious. I had always though of Henry Carey's *Sally in Our Alley* as a chirpy ditty; on reading in *Low Life* of Sally's apprentice lover serving out his "seven long years" I recognised that here was a story of — potentially — doomed love to rank with any in Shakespeare. After digesting the lone French entry — *Gargantua on the Best Way to Wipe the Bottom* — the reader would do well to turn to Bunyan for the consoling reflection: *He that is down need fear no fall,/ He that is low, no pride* . . .

Greed, avarice, sloth and lust there are in good measure in this anthology, and thieves' kitchens, "fallen" women and ingenious pickpockets too. But too many are culled from Henry Mayhew's epic *London Labour and the London Poor* and the *New Newgate Calendar*, edited by Andrew Knapp and William Baldwin. Moreover, no publication dates — 1851 and 1826, respectively for those volumes — are supplied, nor do we get a clue when the selected authors lived, which does everyone a disservice. And how come Jeffrey Bernard is excluded on the ground that he only stoops to folly, being "in origins . . . probably of rather better class than many of us"? But Old Rowley or Charles II sneaks in as *A frog he would a-wooing go*? Good on him, anyway.

The book-jacket, featuring Brueghel's *Peasants Dancing at a Village Wedding* and devoid of interlopers racy or royal, sums up Fiona Pitt-Kethley's vision of low life. It's very depressing.

Flora Fraser is the author of Beloved Emma: A Life of Emma Lady Hamilton *(Weidenfeld).*

Peter Ackroyd on America's one-way literary traffic to Europe

Why the English novel will never be mid-Atlantic

DANGEROUS PILGRIMAGES
Trans-Atlantic Mythologies and the Novel
By Malcolm Bradbury
Secker & Warburg, £30

America does not exist; therefore we have had to invent it. That, at least, is part of Malcolm Bradbury's point in a survey of transatlantic fantasies from Thomas More to Italo Calvino; but if this is a study of the Europeanisation of America, it is also about the Americanisation of Europe. American novels may have been over-publicised and over-written, but they were also definitely over here. It could even be said that the history of American literature is the history of expatriation — James, Hemingway, Stein, Eliot, Pound, Miller, Baldwin, Burroughs, all found their true cultural identity in England or in Europe. Of their own country they might even have appropriated Gertrude Stein's phrase, "there is no 'there' there".

Bradbury talks of the "flourishing traffic" across the Atlantic, but in truth it has really only been one way. When English writers go to America, it tends to ruin them; Isherwood and Aldous Huxley are perhaps the two most eminent examples of that general failure of strength, or nerve. Dickens once said that English people in America become "like devils", but émigré English writers simply turn into Americans. We may except Greene in South America, and Lowry in Mexico; they had nothing to do with any "New World", only with that sphere of guilt and tribulation which they carried with them everywhere.

The story really begins with the first Puritan accounts, or as they are known in the trade, "Original Narratives of Early American History". Works such as Edward Johnson's *Wonder Working Providence of Sions Saviour in New England* is a truly horrifying celebration of genocide against native Americans of the mid-17th century, but it also provides an effortlessly symbolic account of the efforts to tame and cleanse "the wilderness". It is the first indigenous literature of America, and provides the first evidence of an American spirit which survives still — which, in Bradbury's words, has been "creating military-like systems and strategies, defining the very rules of time . . . growth was the American way."

It is significant, however, that the first true American novelist, James Fenimore Cooper, began by imitating Jane Austen and Scott, thus inaugurating the wholesale appropriation of English and European styles which has marked American literature. Nathaniel Hawthorne came to London, his dream city, and declared that "England is our forefathers' land — our land, for I would not give up such a precious inheritance". Bradbury is very good on the way in which that inheritance was in part invented by the Americans themselves; he discusses Washington Irving's creation of a romantic and antiquated past for London, for example, although it has to be said that he was also working in the tradition of Lamb and De Quincey. So the first wave of American interest was largely one of nostalgia.

Bradbury: postmodern

In this account Mark Twain is the first novelist from that continent to "assault the past" as Bradbury puts it, "from the virtuous standpoint of the democratic America present". Of course Twain himself was not averse to a little closet ancestor worship of his own, as *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* testifies, but he did set up a genuine national tradition of forgetfulness. It is the secret of the success of American "realism", dirty or otherwise. It lies behind the great works of Dos Passos and James T. Farrell, continuing in the contemporary fiction of Tom Wolfe.

Mr Wolfe actually wrote an essay entitled *The New Social Novel*, in which he celebrated a return to social realism, although "newness" has now become America's oldest tradition. It is related to ideas of change and transition; it is of course intimately connected with some belief in novelty as intrinsically important. That is why, in fields as diverse as painting and ballet, American artists have been the pre-eminent exponents of "the new". They are likely to be greeted as "pioneers" with a significance not lost upon those who are familiar with the history of the United States. Ever since the first settlers of New England rejected the historical institutions of their old country, the American people seem to have been as firmly committed to the idea of change and of forward movement as they have been profoundly opposed to the apparent burden of the past. The question then becomes, in the context of Bradbury's book: can great fiction be created out of these conditions and can the great American audience be bothered to read it?

It is true that, after the Second World War, America's technological dominance led many to believe that it also threatened some form of cultural dominance. What America actually achieved were various forms of cultural sponsorship and the creation of what Bradbury calls "an international school with a deeply transatlantic flavour". Yet it cannot be said that much real literary innovation has emerged from this network of themes and associations. The problem may be that America became international before it ever became national. There are of course many fine and admirable contemporary novelists — Heller, Vonnegut, Pynchon among others — but it would be hard to claim that they reflected or expressed any national tradition. The number of contemporary Americans who are interested in contemporary American literature is also very small, and one sometimes receives the impression that it survives only because it is taught in universities.

Bradbury's closing discussion of America as a "post-modern" phenomenon hardly guarantees any more secure future. He suggests that our contemporary experience of America is in some way the experience of an unreality, which is precisely what the early English visitors also discovered. Charles Dickens considered it to be as unreal as a stage set, while Evelyn Waugh treated it as *opéra bouffe*. This is only to say, perhaps, that the United States is in no sense a European country; that is perhaps why its writers, owing much to European literary forms, are often neglected or marginalised.

One might take issue with this always interesting book upon Bradbury's own more personal note, when he states: "When I think of myself as a novelist, I think of myself as working in a transatlantic space; in that I'm far from alone." Not alone, perhaps, but hardly part of a crowd. There is an indigenous English novel — one might as well say, an indigenous Englishness — which has nothing to do with transatlantic pilgrimages or mid-Atlantic styles. There is a strong native tradition, going back to Defoe, which is not connected to any American inheritance. It may be the poorer for it, but it is true nonetheless. Perhaps it will be the subject of Malcolm Bradbury's next book.

Death in life and life in death

Claire Messud

HULA
By Lisa Shea
Vintage, £5.99
paperback original

SHADOW SONG
By Terry Kay
Touchstone, £9.99

TO ANY child, its life seems somehow normal. The motives may be inexplicable, but children simply accept whatever enters their circumscribed world and deal with it as best they can. In her first novel, Lisa Shea has caught beautifully a little girl's simplicity in the face of unaccountable darkness.

Set in Virginia, told over the summers of 1964 and 1965, *Hula* describes a family from the perspective of the younger of two sisters, through discrete incidents that relay the sinister unease that lurks in their home. The girls' father, injured in wartime, has a metal plate attached to the back of his head, and peculiar moods to go with it. He is responsible for acts of varying degrees of oddity and menace.

The household's aura of fear is apparent even from the first page of the novel, when the girls' world — their garden — is described in terms of its hiding places: the blue hydrangea, the forsythia, and "the drainpipe that runs under the driveway. Things float in there when it rains — popsicle sticks, bubble gum wrappers, the arms and legs and heads of dolls we've thrown in after torturing them."

Torture is what it's all about. The girls' father, given to deranged rages, dresses up in a frightening gorilla outfit to express affection. But that is the least of his excesses: he shoots at things, and above all, burns. He burns the hula skirts the girls love to play with; after its death, he burns their dog; and in a culminating scene of horror, he brings home a sheep, batters it to death and sets it ablaze.

In the midst of this frenzy, the girls' mother hovers intermittently, ineffectually, like a ghost. It is left to them to make their lives, adjusting their games to their grim circumstances. They find a safe haven in each other's company, and learn to make themselves scarce. But for the narrator, this last security is threatened when her sister discovers boys and roams beyond the garden, discovering at once sex and the world outside the family madness.

Shea's gift is one of observation: the moments and details of this spare, dark book are imbued with a wrenching authenticity, and their cumulative power lingers. *Hula* is at once strongly evocative and somehow unsatisfying: in seeing so successfully through the eyes of a child, Shea offers us vivid glimpses of this troubled family that raise more questions than they answer — questions that readers, being adults, cannot help but ask.

TERRY Kay's *Shadow Song* is a different type of novel altogether. Amiable and sentimental, it tells the story of a Southern artist named Bobo Murphy, who travels to upstate New York to oversee the funeral of his old friend Avrum Feldman, who has died aged 106. Bobo befriended Feldman when the younger man worked, as a teenager, in a resort in the Catskills, and his return floods him with nostalgia for that lost youth as much as for his deceased mentor. It was here, in this almost exclusively Jewish holiday town, that Bobo first encountered a cosmopolitan vision of the world far removed from his redneck roots. Kay's novel is a *goyim's* awkward hymn to Jewish culture.

It is also a love story. Feldman was an eccentric who devoted his life to obsessive, unrequited love for an opera singer. It transpires that Bobo, too, has lived with a hidden romantic obsession — with a Jewish girl named Amy Lourie, whom he dated in the summer of 1955 and has never seen since. Inevitably (it is that sort of novel), Amy resurfaces at Feldman's funeral, and the couple are given a second chance. As both are married, they are also faced with a significant choice.

Shadow Song is not a novel to read for its prose, which is merely serviceable. Nor is it to be read for its plot, given that the denouement is transparent from early on. Rather it is a book for those who read for romance and consolation, who don't want fiction to be cluttered up with challenges.

ADRIAN ARBIB

Timothy Mo: his novel is a bleak depiction of the Philippines, but his gloomy vision is tempered with humour

The unsavoury in full pursuit of the indecent

Tibor Fischer

BROWNOUT ON
BREADFRUIT
BOULEVARD
By Timothy Mo
Paddleless Ltd,
£13.99/£8.99pbk

"When the shower of shit, which he welcomed, spattered over his chest and belly Professor Pfeidwengeler was thinking of his worst enemy, Dr Ruth Neumark." This, the first sentence of Timothy Mo's latest novel, is certainly guaranteed to seize the reader's attention; however, the eight-page prologue which continues to describe in minute detail Pfeidwengeler's rectal adventures with a Filipina prostitute may well prevent many readers from reaching the text proper, which would be a pity.

Brownout on Breadfruit Boulevard is Mo's fifth novel, and there is a strong temptation to like it simply because the author has taken the bold step of publishing it himself, having decided that the advances he had been offered by London editors were not enough. However, Mo also deserves applause for the quality of his prose. Three of his novels have been shortlisted for the Booker Prize, and *Brownout* now sees Mo in top condition again.

The story revolves around a conference organised in the central Philippines by Victoria Init, the wife of a local congressman, (a mini-Imelda Marcos), and the rivalries of the various participants. It reflects on the state of Asia, intellectual fashions, and the fact that in the Philippines murders "are rarely solved but seldom unavenged".

Brownout is in many ways a more exotic, harsher and nastier version of David Lodge's *Small World*. The dustjacket assures us that Mo has a special affection for the Philippines but one wonders how Filipinos will react to his bleak appraisal of life on their islands.

Defecation does seem to be the motif of the book. Faecal imagery bobs up and down in the pages; at the end poor Pfeidwengeler is blown up by a grenade while in a toilet cubicle and another of the characters is eaten by a central African dictator and "as naturally, later voided". Not to mention the name that Mo has chosen for his own imprint: "Paddleless", must surely allude to shit creek?

Identity and character, whether racial or national, also provide Mo with interesting fodder. Mo is both willing to go along with stereotypes (the German Pfeidwengeler has unfashionable views on race, the Japanese Professor of English Literature can't speak a word of English) and to play with them (the sight of haggling Australians causes Pfeidwengeler to dismiss them as "Texan Jews").

But it is Mo's punchy writing and a diction that draws on all the varieties of English that carry the day. The Philippines: ". . . gang-raped by Dagoes for coming on four centuries and then put on the Yankee titty". The convention hall: "It was where you might kick your heels for a Borgia pope, but gone high tech."

Though it has fragments of humour, Mo's vision is essentially gloomy (coprophilia, corruption, prostitution, wholesale murder), but entirely convincing; he writes with conviction and knowledge, though in the case of the opening scene one sincerely hopes he didn't feel the need to do the research first-hand.

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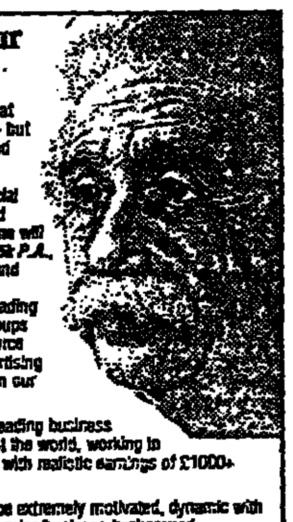

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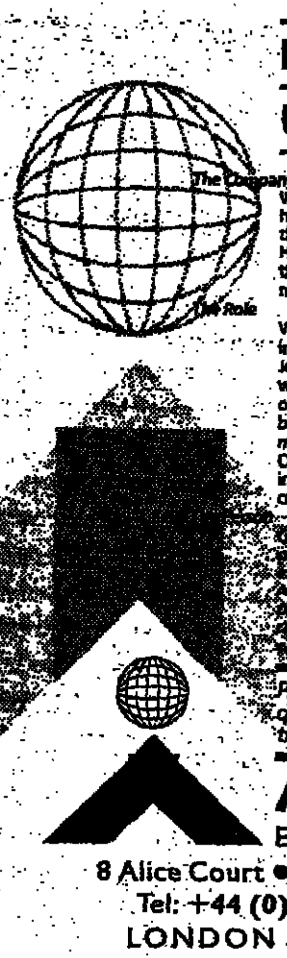

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The role demands experience of government systems in Russia, specifically in relation to the health system. A sound grasp of the organisation of the UK health system and the recent NHS reforms, will match your knowledge of, and contacts amongst, UK health service institutions and the provision of UK support to overseas health reform. Project design and management experience is essential and you must be able to communicate clearly and concisely in Russian and English. A Masters level qualification in a health-related discipline would add weight to your application.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To apply, write to Tom Finnigan, Overseas Development Administration, Room AH369, Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road, East Kilbride, Glasgow G75 8EA, tel 01355 843472 (24hr answerphone), fax 01355 843499.

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An Information Pack is available from the Human Resources Department, tel 01896 662292.

To apply, please send a full CV plus a brief statement outlining the contributions you would aim to make to the Trust, under confidential cover, to Mr Simon Crouch, Director of Human Resources, Borders General Hospital NHS Trust, Melrose TD6 9BS.

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NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Chief Nursing Officer

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Assistance with relocation expenses may be available.

The Northern Ireland Civil Service Commissioners may decide to interview only those applicants who appear, from the information available, to be most suitable.

An application form and further details of the post may be obtained by writing to, or telephoning (quoting job reference SB 21/95) the Civil Service Commission, Orchard House, 40 Foyle Street, Londonderry, BT48 6AT (telephone 01504 319769).

Completed application forms accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae, highlighting the relevant qualifications and experience sought, must be returned to arrive not later than 12 May 1995.

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NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL SERVICE

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Director of Development

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Applicants must:

1. have a degree in engineering with Chartered Engineer status;
2. have at least 3 years recent senior management experience in a large multi-disciplinary organisation in either the private or the public sector; and
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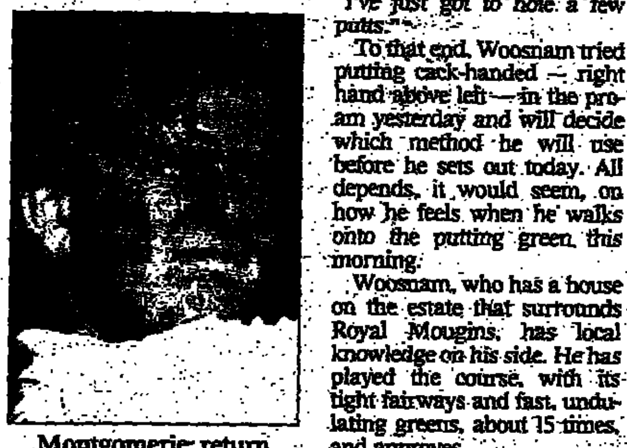
The No 1 is back as season gets serious

FROM MEL WEBB IN CANNES

THE top man has arrived on the Cote d'Azur for the Cannes Open that starts at Royal Mougins today: it is as good a signal as any that, whatever anybody might say to the contrary, the European golf season is only now genuinely getting under way.

Colin Montgomerie played in two PGA European Tour events in January, but an indication of how things have changed in professional golf on this side of this Atlantic can be gauged by the fact that the nearest of them was a six-hour flight away.

Montgomerie, who topped the domestic money list for the past two seasons, played in Dubai and Manila at the start of the year and also appeared in five events in the United States leading up to the Masters, in which he finished seventeenth, but this is the first time he has graced a tournament in Europe with his massive presence.



Montgomerie: return

Montgomerie comes into the tournament in good heart after his protracted spell in the United States. "I felt I played well enough over there to do very well in the Masters, but I just didn't score well," he said.

The burly Scot has now turned his back on the United States, temporarily at least. He plans to play in the US Open and the US PGA championship, and might even play an extra tournament if he is close to winning the $145,000 that he believes would give him a US Tour card for next season.

So does that mean that he is planning to forsake his home tour for a life on the manicured fairways and immaculate greens of the United States? "Not at all," he said. "I feel comfortable in Europe and this is where I plan to stay, but it would be nice to have the option to play in some early-season events in the United States."

Montgomerie was second in Cannes last year behind Ian Woosnam, who defends a title he won at nearby Cannes-Mougins last year with an extraordinary weekend's golf. At one point on the Friday afternoon, he was 14 strokes off the pace, then turned the tournament on its head with closing rounds of 63 and 66. He played the first 26 holes in three over par and the last 46 in 20 under.

Woosnam, who will partner Montgomerie in the Perrier four-ball event in Paris next week, claims that he is enjoying his golf more now than he has for the past two years. "It's just a matter of time," he said. "I've just got to hole a few putts."

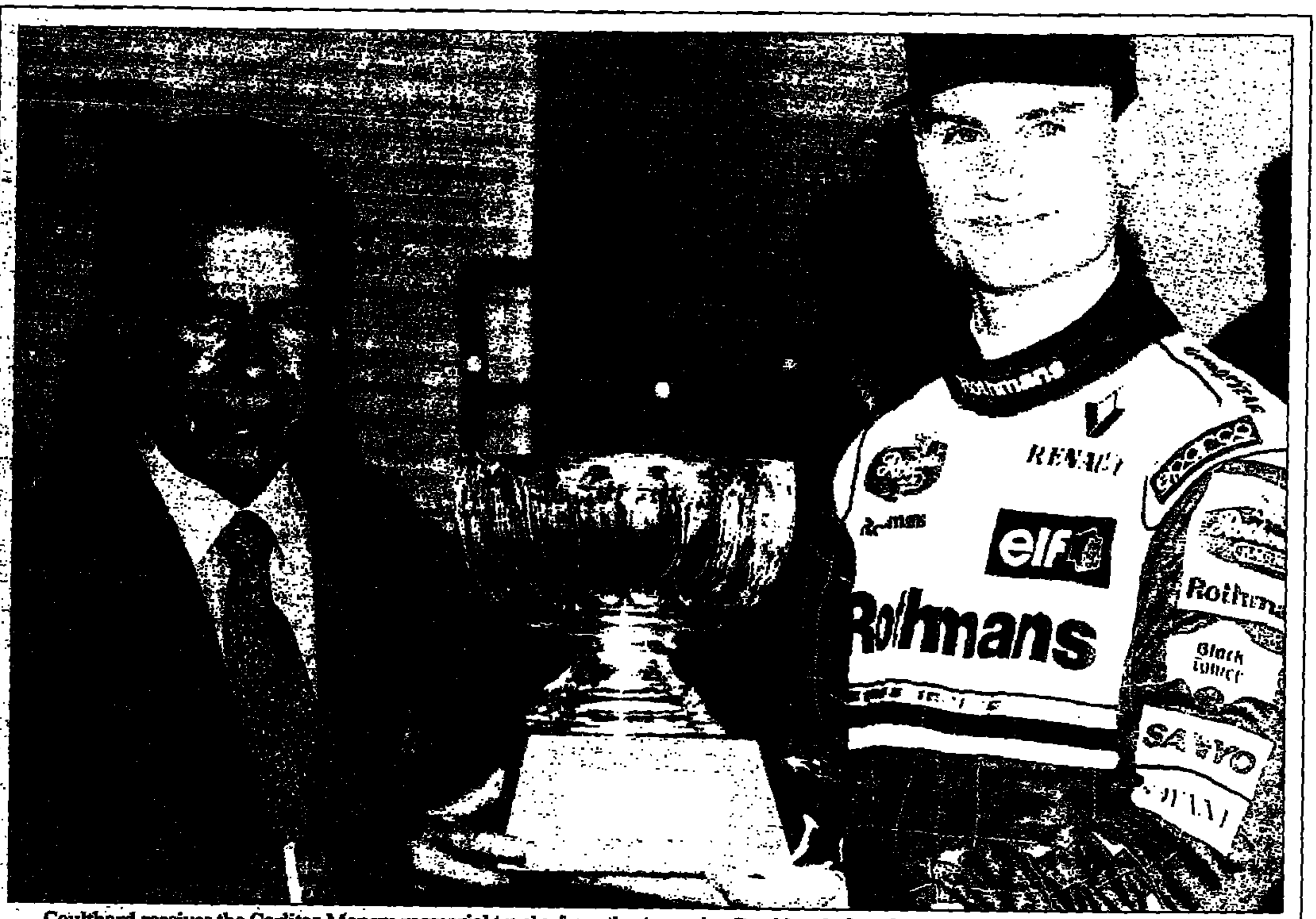
To that end, Woosnam tried putting cack-handed — right hand above left — in the pro-am yesterday and will decide which method he will use before he sets out today. All depends, it would seem, on how he feels when he walks onto the putting green this morning.

Woosnam, who has a house on the estate that surrounds Royal Mougins, has local knowledge on his side. He has played the course, with its tight fairways and fast, undulating greens, about 15 times, and approves.

"It's just a question of playing the ball into the right places," he said. "Some of the lads might whinge and groan a bit, but a lot of the short holes and second shots are played with nine-irons and wedges and if you can't put the ball in the right position with them, you've got no right to be here."

He will also have a one-man fan club with him this week. Ian Botham, who accompanied him to Augusta, has come to the south of France to cheer him on. "We're similar types," Woosnam said. "We're both sportsmen, he loves golf and we have the same sort of attitude to life.

"We both like a drink, too, but he can do that this week — I'm working." Working he might be, but it does not mean, it can be revealed, that he will be sipping *Diet Coke* for the rest of the week.



Coulthard receives the Carlitos Menem memorial trophy from the Argentine President before the grand prix in Buenos Aires last week

President's grief clouds grand prix return

Carlos Menem lost a son just as Argentina prepared for a new start in Formula One. **Oliver Holt** reports

The fanciful could be forgiven for thinking that grief has kissed Carlos Menem, president of Argentina, on both temples. His hair is jet black but two startled strands of grey clothe each ear. It has been like that for some time but now those bands seem like natural allies for the sorrow that clouds his face.

Amid the frenzy of campaigning for presidential elections less than four weeks away, Menem can still find some respite in motor racing and football, his grand passions. Recent events, though, have conspired to flood even that refuge with tragedy and despair.

A little over a month ago, his only son, Carlos, 26, was killed in a helicopter crash as he travelled within Argentina to compete in a rally. Menem, a former rally driver himself, had introduced his son to the sport and encouraged him in his career. The death of Carlitos — little Carlos — has hit him like a hammer blow.

Menem, 64, was supposed to drive a Ferrari around the circuit before the Argentine Grand Prix last week to celebrate the return of Formula One racing to the country after a 14-year absence. But he called off the stunt after his son's death. Instead, an award was named after him and will be given to the pole position-winner every year. David Coulthard, the Williams-Renault driver, was the first recipient of the Carlitos Menem Cup.

Football has not been kind to the president, either. He is a friend of Diego Maradona and loyally stood by him during his expulsion from last year's World Cup finals. Maradona's tribulations have continued in past weeks and frowns also furrow Menem's brow as he talks of the fall of one of the world's great footballers.

"I have no doubt that Maradona has been one of the best soccer players, if not the best, we have ever seen," he said. "A poor man that lives for sport in such a way and had the kind of success he did is going to be grabbed by fame. You have to be prepared for that.

"He had success very, very young after coming from a low level. He was not prepared and that, unfortunately, is why all this has happened. He is my friend. He usually comes to visit me with his wife and daughter and he has been a great help to my family after the recent death of my son. Now, we are talking with him and trying to help him in his time of trouble. There is great goodwill on his part to try to pull through the situation. I'm sure he will be OK and playing football by September, once the sanction against him has expired."

> 'Maradona is my friend. I'm sure he will be OK'

Menem can turn for a degree of comfort to the mass of opinion polls that show him comfortably ahead of his three opponents in the presidential race: graffiti slogans all over Buenos Aires proclaim the desirability of granting him a second term. But he finds as much pride in the return of grand prix racing to the land of Fangio and Reutemann.

Menem and his close friend, Bernie Ecclestone, president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, worked tirelessly to reinstate the race on the calendar, overseeing extensive safety improvements to the track and ensuring that the necessary infrastructure was in place.

Menem does not disguise his gratitude to Ecclestone and sees the return of the race as a symbol that Argentina is once again a respected member of the international community, the final proof of world acceptance after the shame that was brought on the country by the military *junta* led by General Galtieri.

"Back then, Argentina lost its prestige," he said, "and, when we lost our prestige, we also lost Formula One. Now we have recovered our abilities, there is confidence in the country again. We have shown the world that we have the talent and that we have worked to bring about Formula One's return here.

"You have to take into account that the sport is broadcast to more than 300 million people all over the world. The race brings people from nearby countries like Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Brazil and Bolivia into the country to see the event, and that has many beneficial effects."

What seems to give him most pleasure and solace, though, is to meander through the country's rich racing heritage. His father was the first man to bring a car — "one of the famous Model T Fords" — to his province in the second decade of the century and Menem talks affectionately of a presidential predecessor who continued to race in local events during his term of office.

"Motor racing is a great passion and it has a privileged space among the things that most Argentine people like and love," he said. "Since the beginning, people here wanted cars not just to travel in but to race in. Fangio and Froilan González brought us great prestige.

"My father raced in several different disciplines and, when I was 12 or a little bit younger, I also learnt to drive. Then I raced in karting and, in the same karts, I taught my son how to drive. Although I am a lawyer and a politician, I continue to be actively involved in motor racing.

"I raced in rallies for many years and I introduced my son to it at an international event in Uruguay a long time ago. That is when I saw he really had great possibilities.

"I tried to help him and push him and he really did quite well but, unfortunately, in the very time of his life ... these things happen and he is not with us any more.

"Having the race here is like a tribute to him. It helps me to remember him with happiness, and that is the only way to remember the people that you love."

Schoolboys follow England seniors' example

England Schools 22
France Schools 6

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

THE England 18 Group schoolboys emulated their seniors by winning the 1995 rugby union grand slam — for the second successive year — with a solid victory over a hard-tackling but uninspired French side at Grange Road, Cambridge, yesterday.

The French scored one try to their opponents' three, the last of which came from one of England's best players, Joe Worsley, the open-side flanker, made a fortunate interception late in the game and raced 25 metres to touch down.

The first half began well as England's bright approach reflected the early spring sunshine. Not even Mathieu Barrau's penalty, for France, in the second minute, when England were caught offside at a ruck, could dampen the early ardour.

The accomplished England forwards proved themselves adept in the maul and won plenty of possession for their quick-thinking backs to use. James Hurst made frequent incursions into the line from full back, punching holes in the French defence and sending Joe Ewens over for England's opening try, the Colston College centre's second in successive matches. Jeremy Cook converted.

Thereafter, however, the game lost much of its heat. Sleet and rain driving straight into the England players' faces did not help. By half-time France had hauled themselves back to within a point of their opponents with Barrau's second successful penalty.

England duly regained the initiative after the restart, quickly piling into the French right-hand corner, and, from a lineout, Joe Beardshaw crashed over for a try that Cook again converted. A penalty in the 53rd minute took the Millfield schoolboy's tally to 42 points in four matches for England on the way to the grand slam.

SCORERS: England Schools: Tries: Ewens, Beardshaw, Worsley. Conversions: Cook 2. Penalty goal: Cook. France Schools: Penalty goals: Barrau 2.

ENGLAND SCHOOLS: J Hurst (Stonyhurst College); P Sampson (Woodhouse Grove), J Ewens (Colston's Collegiate), K Sorrell (Campion), J Cook (Millfield); J McLennan (Hall Cross), M Wood (Harrogate GS), M Worsley (St Ambrose College), R Protherough (King's, Worcester), C Cano (Thomas Alleyne), J Cockle (Prior Park College), J Beardshaw (Gresham's), W Fuller (Wallington GS), J Worsley (Hitchin), G Wappett (Bradford GS, captain)

FRANCE SCHOOLS: S Dantein; P Giroud, C Pinel, M Barrau, N Leroux; O Gazon, O Lapeze; V Calderou, N Francois, C Taupin, C Dacte (capt), M Lelevre, A Fanna, M Felkaoul, D Chouchan.

Referee: J Steele (Scotland).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The refresher today is about "loser on loser" play.

♠ A K 10
♥ Q J 3
♦ K 8 5 2
♣ A Q 5

♠ 9 8 6
♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 10 9 7
♣ 10 9 8

♠ 3 2
♥ K 9 8 7 5 4
♦ 4
♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ Q J 7 6 4
♥ A
♦ A J 6 3
♣ K J 4

Contract: 6NT by South **Lead: Ten of clubs**

First, you count your top tricks: five in spades, one in hearts, two in diamonds and three in clubs. You need to develop one more, and it looks easy enough to set up another in diamonds — lay down the ace in case East has singleton Q, 10 or 9, then lead up to the king. Unlucky, West has two diamond tricks and you have let a cold one escape. How would you play 6NT on a heart lead? You play low from dummy, and win the ace. As it is now more dangerous to play diamonds, that might direct you into the correct way of thinking. Simply cross to dummy with the ace of spades and lead the queen of hearts. You discard a diamond (the so-called loser-on-loser play) when East takes his king. Now, you have 12 tricks and obviously that is how you should have played when the opening lead was the ten of clubs. Try this one, from the late Hugh Kelsey's book, *Winning card play*. I will give the solution tomorrow.

♠ Q J 9 7 5 2
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 9
♣ A 6 4

♠ A K 10
♥ K 7 6
♦ A 10 8 7
♣ Q 7 3

Contract: Four Spades by West **Lead: King of diamonds**

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dual attack

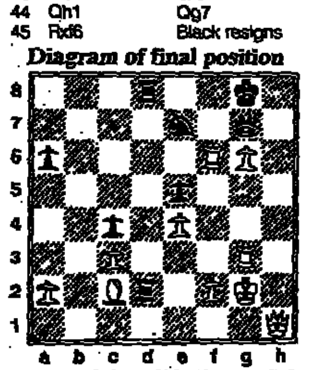
At the Mikhail Tal Memorial tournament in Riga, Garry Kasparov and Vassily Ivanchuk are contesting the lead after a drawing in the fifth round. Meanwhile, the most elegant victory was that achieved by Anand, the Indian Grandmaster, against Timman, the Dutch Grandmaster. Anand sacrificed a pawn to inaugurate heavy pressure on the king's flank. Just when it seemed that Timman might be able to erect a defence, Anand switched fronts and, after threatening to penetrate, finally caused Black's resistance to crumble.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Jan Timman.
Tal Memorial, Riga,
April 1995

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Qe2	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	c3	d6
9	Rd1	Bg4
10	h3	Bh5
11	d3	Na5
12	Bc2	c5
13	Nbd2	Nd7
14	g4	Bg6
15	Nf1	Nb6
16	Ng3	Nc6
17	Nf5	Re8
18	h4	Bxf5
19	gxf5	d5
20	Kh1	Bxh4
21	Rg1	Bf6
22	Nh2	g6
23	Qf3	dxe4
24	dxe4	Nd7
25	Qh3	Qe7
26	Be3	Bg7
27	Ng4	Nf6
28	Nxf6+	Qxf6
29	Rg3	Ne7
30	Kh2	c4
31	Rh1	h6
32	Bxh6	Bxh6
33	Qxh6	Rad8
34	Kg2	Qg7
35	Qe3	Rd6
36	b3	Rc8
37	bxc4	bxc4
38	Rhh3	Kf8
39	Qc1	Kg8
40	Rf3	Rcd8
41	Rhg3	f6
42	fxg6	Rd2
43	Qb1	Qf8
44	Qh1	Qg7
45	Rxf6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



After 45 ... Qxf6; 46. Qh7+ Kf8; 47. g7+ Ke8; 48. Ba4+ wins; while 45 ... Rxc2; 46. Rf7 Qh8; 47. Qxh8+ Kxh8; 48. Rxe7 leaves White two pawns ahead with an easily winning endgame.

Redgrave and Pinsent impress at trials

STEVE REDGRAVE and Matthew Pinsent, the Olympic champions, who produced the top performance by a coxless pair at the Great Britain rowing trials in Hazewinkel, Belgium, will be left as a unit to compete in the Piediluco Regatta in Italy in two weeks (Mike Rosewell writes). Rupert Obholzer and Tim Foster followed them home, but the Searle brothers, Greg and Jonny, Britain's other Olympic champions, finished sixth. However, they will remain with Obholzer and Foster in a coxless four in Piediluco, the combination that won a bronze medal in the world championships last summer.

Other crews selected for Italy are two men's lightweight fours, the Nottingham-based quartet of Dave Lemon, Jim McNiven, Tom Kay and Toby Hessian, and the London-based four of Nick Strange, Ian Watson, Steve Ellis and Ben Helm. The depth of talent available at this level is going to make the eventual selection of one crew a difficult task.

Peter Haining, the world lightweight sculling champion, was, predictably, the fastest lightweight sculler in Belgium last weekend. He was followed home by Carl Smith, the Britain international, and he should team up with Haining for the 1996 Olympics. The new combination will race in Piediluco.

Wade Hall-Craggs, Britain's 1992 Olympics sculler, was the fastest heavyweight on show, while Bob Thatcher and James Cracknell booked their place in Italy with an impressive performance in the double sculls.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Hover power

From Mr Piers Thompson

Sir, With reference to John Woodcock's observation from the second Test match in Antigua (April 14) that not many village cricket teams could mount an aerial response to waterlogging, I recall a match between Haxted and the Barnes Breakers at Old East Haxted Farm. Haxted rattled up a respectable total before lunch, during which the heavens opened. Lunch was gradually extended and both teams fell to watching a Wimbledon men's singles final.

The away team was eventually unable to resist the cider brewed by our host. Suddenly the rain stopped: luckily for us, the track was still unplayable. One of the home team, anxious to curry favour after an excellent lunch, piped up that since one guest had arrived, rather ostentatiously, by helicopter, it was time to put him to work. A whip-round garnered £20, enough to pay for ten minutes' worth of petrol. Up he went; the pitch was dried and the bleary-eyed visitors were skittled out for just over 50.

I take it the Australians avoided the rum.

Yours faithfully,
PIERS THOMPSON,
359, Portobello Road,
W10

League justice must be seen to be done

From Mr Simon Robinson

Sir, When Maurice Lindsay took the Murdoch money, I felt there was hope for rugby league. After a week of totally inept handling, I am not so sure. The key issue that Mr Lindsay has not dealt with is that of the criteria of acceptance into the Super League. He has neither worked these out, nor publicly declared them, nor attempted to reach agreement on them.

The result has been a week of high farce, with three different groups acting as arbiters in different situations (the Rugby League, the first division chairmen, and now a QC). As a result, there are all kinds of different criteria being given for judgments and several teams now seeking acceptance because according to their criteria they deserve it.

All of this nonsense will end in tears, with lawsuits, disaffected supporters and deep divisions in the world of rugby league.

The only point on criteria that is clear is rugby league's refusal to use the one in place for the past hundred years — success on the field. *Pace*, Mr Lindsay, this is one of many areas where the Super League as proposed is quite different from the football Premier League (no stop on promotions, no merged teams and no away games in Paris).

For my money, the Rugby League should drop the idea of catchment areas and return to on-the-field success. Give the first eight places in the Super League to the top eight in the present first division. If a condition of Murdoch's money involves places in London and Paris, then give two to them — but if that is not Murdoch's condition, then I see no reason for giving them preferential treatment.

This would leave four places which could be contested in a shortened season involving the eight bottom teams in the first division and the top two of the second. There is nothing to stop some clubs merging before or after that short season. To be totally fair, the new first division will have to be given more resources, and the stop on promotions lifted. That would then give teams like London a chance to get into the Super League in an honest fashion.

This way all the clubs and supporters will have been involved creatively, all will have had some part in framing their own destiny, and there will be hope for the future for all. This way, the justice upon which the Rugby League was founded will have been seen to be done.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON ROBINSON,
14, Parkside Green,
Leeds.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OSTINATO
a. An insect's mandible
b. Repeated
c. Oxtail and potato stew

POINCIANA
a. A prickly shrub
b. A cursive script
c. A type of ballet shoe

RIN
a. A noseguard
b. Money
c. A rhinoceros cub

QUAISS KITIR
a. A fruit drink
b. An Ethiopian court
c. OK

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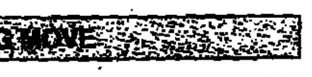
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Abramovic — Damljanovic, "Yugoslavia" 1995. White is very active, but Black seems to have his weak points well defended. How did White now break through? This is a difficult problem and you can consider yourself a strong player if you can solve it.



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Juventus and Parma reach final

Clubs continue to make nonsense of Italy's problems

By Russell Kempson

ITALIAN football, at international level, has endured disappointment and, often, disarray since the defeat against Brazil in the World Cup final in the United States last summer. Arrigo Sacchi, the Italy coach, has rarely fielded a settled side and, consequently, they have made unconvincing progress in group four of the European championship qualifying campaign.

Croatia lead the table with 13 points from five matches, while Italy, having lost 2-1 to Croatia and drawn 1-1 with Slovenia, are three points adrift. Embarrassingly, they may have to rely on being one of the second-placed sides with the best records to book their place in the finals in England next year. It would be a chastening experience for the mighty *Azzurri*.

At club level, though, Italian football continues to take on, and beat, the best opposition that the Continent can offer. On Tuesday, Juventus and Parma reached the final of the Uefa Cup; last night, AC Milan were attempting to reach the final of the European Cup; tonight, Sampdoria will try to reach the final of the Cup Winners' Cup.

With Italy very likely to have at least one representative in the final of each of the three leading European competitions, it suggests that either all is well in *Serie A*, with its cosmopolitan and eclectic mix of foreign imports, or that the standards elsewhere have dropped alarmingly. Whichever is the case, Sacchi must at least possess the basis for much better displays than his national team has produced in the European championship thus far.

When they travel to Lithuania next week, for their sixth group four fixture, the day of reckoning could be nigh. Victory for Lithuania would push them level with Italy, with a game in hand, and the prospect of Sacchi enjoying a successful Euro '96 in England would recede further. Yet the clubs carry on in triumphant fashion, with Juventus and Parma overcoming German opposition on their paths to the Uefa Cup final.

Juventus, the holders, who are trying to win the trophy for the third time in six seasons, defeated Borussia Dortmund 2-1 in the second leg in Germany, completing a 4-3 aggregate success. Roberto Baggio scored the winner, from a free kick in the 31st minute, after Sergio Porrini had given Juventus an early lead and Julio César, the Brazilian defender, had equalised for Borussia, who were missing seven regular first-team players because of injury and suspension.

"I never thought that Dortmund would be so strong without so many players," Baggio said. "We had to work all the way, but we have made the final. That's the important thing."

Parma, who were beaten by Arsenal in the Cup Winners' Cup final last season, brushed aside Bayer Leverkusen 3-0 for a 5-1 overall victory. Faustino Asprilla, the Colombia forward, and Gianfranco Zola scored the goals that sealed Parma's third successive appearance in a European final.

Zola took advantage of a poor pass from Bernd Schuster, the veteran Leverkusen midfield player, who was operating at sweeper, to set up Asprilla for the vital second goal in the 55th minute. Erich Ribbeck, who took over as Leverkusen coach after their defeat in the first leg, said: "After we conceded that goal, it was very demoralising for our team. The pass from Schuster was deadly. It was like an own goal."

Juventus and Parma will meet over two legs on May 3 and 17. It will be the third all-Italy Uefa Cup final in the past six years. Juventus beat Fiorentina in 1990, while Internazionale took the trophy by disposing of AS Roma in 1991.

It is hoped that familiarity will not breed contempt, fate having decreed that the sides will play each other five times in six weeks at the end of the season. They have also reached the two-legged Italian Cup final, and are scheduled to play on May 21 in the run-in to the Italian league championship.

Palace pose test of title credentials

By Peter Ball

DOES the collection of one point out of the last six represent a mere hiccup in Blackburn Rovers' hitherto imperious progress towards the FA Carling Premiership title or a serious hint that the leaders are choking as the run-in to the championship arrives? The visit by Crystal Palace tonight may be the most significant game Blackburn still face.

If Blackburn win, they will go eight points clear of Manchester United. More important, they will effectively put an end to speculation that they will crack.

As recently as last Saturday, when only a goal in injury time denied them a win at Leeds United, such speculation seemed fanciful — or at least a case of Alex Ferguson, the United manager, clutching at straws. It gained more credence during the home defeat by Manchester City on Monday. This evening, with Crystal Palace even more desperate for points than City, will provide the acid test.

Blackburn will be without two key players. Colin Hendry, the inspirational central defender, and the captain, Tim Sherwood, who are both suspended. Yet Sherwood's absence provides an opportunity for David Batty, the England midfield player, whose return after a year out with injury and three operations could hardly be better timed.

If pressure is affecting Blackburn, they could hardly have a better guide than Kenny Dalglish, the manager, who has been there often before, as player and manager at Liverpool. So, as a Leeds player, has Batty, winning a championship medal three years ago, when his team was in the same position as United at this stage.

It is hard to see Palace winning a physical encounter with Blackburn, although the absence of Hendry will offer some encouragement to Armstrong, the striker, but then it is impossible to see them winning any other way, unless Blackburn's nerve goes completely.

Ferguson, meanwhile, will be awaiting news of yesterday's exploratory operation on his Everton near-namesake, Duncan Ferguson, almost as nervously as the striker himself. The player's chances of participating in the FA Cup Final against United depend on the outcome of the investigative surgery on his groin injury.

ROGER PRICE

Lucinda Murray, who has withdrawn from the trials with injury, nursing her broken arm yesterday

Badminton rewards reflect severity

By Jenny MacArthur

RIDERS at the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials from May 4 to 7 will compete for a first prize of £22,500, the richest in the sport. The value, a £2,500 increase from last year, reflects the severity of the event. Hugh Thomas, the director of the trials, has designed 12 new fences on the four-mile cross country course which, though less technical than in previous years, puts a premium on bold, accurate riding.

Fence 6, the Mitsubishi "M" and first of the new fences Thomas unveiled yesterday, is one of the most difficult. There is no easy alternative: riders must choose between two big corner fences on the left or three large, angled fences on the right.

The notorious Luckington Lane crossing has also been modified. The quick route involves a jump down from the bank, one stride across the road and a jump over a narrow arrowhead. Other new fences include The Lake, where there is a "bounce" into the water and The Quarry, where riders encounter a ski-jump effect down a hill, at the foot of which is a sharp turn to solid rails. One consolation is the abolition of the penalty zone. Riders may now cross their track in front of a fence without being penalised.

Mark Todd, of New Zealand, the dual Olympic champion who won last year on Horton Point, is one of the favourites this year with Just An Ace and Bertie Blunt, winners at Belton two weeks ago. Other former winners competing include Mary Thomson with her Brigstock winner, King William, Ian Stark, who rides Calibre, and Rodney Powell, with Comic Relief. A notable absentee, however, is Lucinda Murray, who has withdrawn after breaking an arm in a fall at Belton.

Carling hints at World Cup strategy

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

MATCH-rigging has yet to hit rugby union, but Will Carling, the England captain, hinted yesterday that consideration might be given to a tactical defeat in the World Cup pool games, in the hope of a favourable quarter-final draw. Carling's tongue may well have been in his cheek, but just the suggestion smacks of arrogance and unethical behaviour.

"Obviously, our strategy depends on the outcome of the first game of the tournament," Carling said, referring to the meeting on May 25 between South Africa, the hosts, and Australia, the 1991 champions. The assumption is that England will win their group and meet one of those southern-hemisphere giants.

That is an assumption which, realistic or not, is bound to annoy Western Samoa, Italy and Argentina, who share England's group. "It might well be a consideration not to try too hard in one of the pool matches," Carling added. "It would be naive to say it would not be considered."

Losing games, however, for whatever tactical reason, is a hazardous pastime and undervalues the efforts of players who may be making debuts.

Scotland, meanwhile, will face a Romania team at Murrayfield on Saturday showing one change from the XV beaten 24-15 by France in Bucharest earlier this month. Lucian Colceriu gives way on the wing to Robert Cioca.

England's senior clubs meet in London today to rehearse their arguments against the introduction of legislation limiting the number of "foreign" players in league matches from next season. The legislation proposed by the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) competitions sub-committee is aimed at the influx of Scottish and Irish players to England's domestic competitions, and the senior clubs' query the need for restriction and the accuracy of minutes taken by the competitions committee.

They are also concerned at the likely abolition of the senior clubs sub-committee of the RFU, under constitutional changes to be introduced next season, and its merger into an "advisory" group with whose members it would have little in common.

ROMANIA (v Scotland): V Brici; R Cioca, N Racean, R Gontineac, G Solomie; N Nichitean, D Neaga; T Brinza (captain), A Gealapu, T Oroian, L Costea, C Cojocariu, S Ciorascu, V Tufa, G Leonte.

Schneider decides on retirement at the top

VRENI SCHNEIDER, of Switzerland, yesterday announced her retirement from competitive skiing after a career that saw her collect 54 World Cup victories, three overall crowns and three Olympic gold medals.

Her last season was one of her best. In addition to the overall World Cup title, Schneider, 30, claimed the slalom and giant-slalom crowns. She also won the overall title in 1989 and 1994. Schneider won gold in the slalom and giant slalom in the 1988 Olympic Games in Calgary and in the slalom in Lillehammer last year.

She won her first World Cup race in 1984 and subsequently became the most consistent skier on the women's circuit. Although she disliked speed races, she competed in downhills and super-giant slaloms to pick up extra points.

Dogged Rovers

Rugby league: Featherstone Rovers will announce next Tuesday the outcome of a ballot of its 1,147 members, which is expected to go against unification with Castleford and Wakefield Trinity for a place in the 14-team Anglo-French Super League due to start next March. That result would mean that Featherstone would retain its identity in a new British first division.

At Highfield this weekend, Keighley should clinch the second division title, which has been rendered meaningless by their exclusion from the elite league. Jack Wainwright, the Keighley secretary, said: "The club has resolved to take legal action against the Rugby Football League after Sunday's final league game and we now have the necessary information to do so."

Britons falter

Bowls: British players had a poor day in the pairs and triples at the Perm Atlantic Rim games in Durban yesterday. England lost to Namibia 26-9 in the pairs and 21-7 in the triples before lunch. Later, Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw, the England pair highly fancied, were beaten 20-12 by Spain. Consolation came when Scotland suffered a double defeat at the hands of Argentina and Wales lost to the United States in the pairs.

Oval sold out

Cricket: Surrey have sold out of tickets for the sixth Cornhill Test match, between England and West Indies, in August. It is the first time that a Test match at the Oval has sold out before the start of the season. Gate receipts will exceed £2 million.

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ARSENAL TO WIN
9/1........1-0 | 18/1........2-1 | 80/1........3-1
20/1........2-0 | 80/1........3-0 | 66/1........3-2

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 4 Portsmouth 0

Tuesday's late results

UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Parma 3 Bayer Leverkusen 0 (Parma win 5-1 on agg). Juventus 2 Borussia Dortmund 1 (Juventus win 4-3 on agg).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Southend 2 Charlton 1. Second division: [illegible]. Third division: [illegible].

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 1 Macclesfield 2

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell 2 Aberdeen 1; Partick 1 Dundee United 3. Third division: [illegible]

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: [illegible]. Second division: [illegible]

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: [illegible]

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: [illegible]

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 1 Ipswich 1; Crystal Palace 2 [illegible]

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: [illegible]. Second division: [illegible]

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Senior first division: [illegible]

ENGLISH SCHOOLS FA ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL: [illegible]

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Detroit [illegible] Utah 112 Minnesota 94. San Antonio [illegible] Dallas 104 LA Clippers [illegible] Sacramento 101, Seattle [illegible] LA Lakers 97, Golden State 103 Portland [illegible]

BOWLS

DURBAN: Perm Atlantic Rim women's outdoor championships. Pairs: First round: M Bosman and A Ainsworth [illegible] S Jack and J Taylor (Sc) 17-17; M Le Marquand and S Syvret [illegible] L Simon and B Le Cras (Guernsey) 19-12; G Fitzgerald and N Shaw (Eng) [illegible] C Soop (Isr) 27-17; L Trigwell and J Peacock (SA) tied J Ackland and S Morgan (Wales) 17-17; B Cameron and P Nolan (Ire) bt S Forsyth and F Whyte (Scot) 19-13; H Stewart and A Barber (US) bt A de Abelle and G de Mark (Arg) 21-18. Second round: Bosman and Ainsworth bt Fitzgerald and N Shaw 28-9; Le Marquand and Syvret bt Jack and Taylor 27-11. Soop and Kusman bt Simon and Le Cras 21-16; Trigwell and Peacock bt de Abelle and de Mark 23-15. Ackland and Morgan bt Cameron and Nolan 22-20. Forsyth and Whyte bt Stewart and Barber 16-13. Triples: First round: Spain (P Fisher) bt Namibia (L King) 13-11. Jersey (V Steac) bt Guernsey (J Fingan) 17-16. England (M Price) bt Israel (M Herschowitz) 26-6. Argentina (S de Cantanni) bt US (M Wood) 25-12. South Africa (L Dwyer) bt Wales (R Jones) 30-3. Scotland (J Maxwell) bt Ireland (Mul Holland) 21-19. Second round: Namibia bt England 21-7. Jersey bt Spain 21-11. Israel bt Guernsey 28-13. South Africa bt Argentina 35-12. Ireland bt Wales 22-21. Scotland bt United States 13-12.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE: Second XI championship (first day of three): Uxbridge: Middlesex 371-7 dec (T A Radford 155, K P Dutch 72). Glamorgan 8-0. Derby: 207-9 (A Richardson 5-52) v Derbyshire.

GOLF

PARAPARAUMU, New Zealand: Pacific championship: New Zealand 9 Japan 6. (New Zealand names first: Foursomes: H Morgan and R Best bt T Okabe and S Sugimoto 3 and 2. R Hislop and M Pettigrew bt M Kaneko and R Kojima 3 and 2. M Wheelhouse and D Somervaille bt Y Imano and H Hoshino 3 and 2. Singles: Somervaille bt Okabe 5 and 3. Best bt Sugimoto 2 and 1. Hislop bt Kaneko 5 and 3. Morgan bt Hoshino 1 up. Pettigrew bt Imano 1 up. Wheelhouse bt Kojima 4 and 3) Australia 6 Canada 3. (Australia names first: Foursomes: J Cooper and J Moseley bt D Roxburgh and Y Lang 1 up; L Peterson and B Partridge halved with G Winger and B Hutcheson. C Spence and J McCallum lost to B Curtis and G Ugolini 2 and 1. Singles: Cooper halved with Lang; Spence bt Ugolini 5 and 4; Moseley lost to Curtis 1 down. Partridge bt Hutcheson 4 and 3. McCallum bt Winger 6 and 5; Peterson bt Roxburgh 3 and 2)

JOHNNIE WALKER RYDER CUP TABLE: Europe: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp) 308,080.57pts; 2, C Montgomerie (GB) 217,274.50; 3, B Langer (Ger) 212,683.07; 4, D Gilford (GB) 199,600 29; 5, J M Olazabal (Sp) 184,460 14; 6, C Rocca (It) 181,873 52; 7, I Woosnam (GB) 166,102 90; 8, M-A Jiménez (Sp) 156,841 17; 9, P-U Johansson (Swe) 149,611 66; 10, S Torrance (GB) 143,977 15; 11, P Fulke (Swe) 120,490 15; 12, D Clarke (GB) 119,378 20. United States: 1, D Love 630,000; 2, C Pavin 624,167; 3, L Roberts 535,500; 4, B Crenshaw 558,296; 5, P Mickelson 549,664; 6, P Jacobsen 505,000; 7, T Lehman 500,500; 8, K Perry 475,000; 9, J Haas 400,000; 10, M McCumber 353,167; 11, B Faxon 352,500; 12, F Zoeller 345,000

ICE HOCKEY

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia: World championship: Pool B. Great Britain 3 Japan 4. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 1 Hartford 2; Florida 1 Philadelphia 3; NY Islanders 5 Quebec 2; Pittsburgh 6 NY Rangers 5; Tampa Bay 3 New Jersey 2; St Louis 4 Vancouver 7.

MOTORCYCLING

DONINGTON PARK: British Supercup championship (first round): 125cc: First race (10 laps): 1, S Patrickson (Honda) 19min 52.45sec (75.47mph). Fastest lap: M Lofthouse (Yamaha) 1:56.63 (77.15mph). Second race: 1, D Barton (Yamaha) 19:26.61 (77.14mph). Fastest lap: R Frost (Honda) 1:53.67 (79.17mph). Standings: 1, P Jennings (Honda) 22pts; 2, C Palmer (Honda) 17; 3, Patrickson, Barton 15. 250cc: First race (10 laps): 1, J Robinson (Aprilia) 19:15.55 (77.88mph). Fastest lap: Robinson 1:53.30 (79.43mph). Second race: 1, J Vincent (Yamaha) 17:18.65 (86.65mph). Fastest lap: Robinson 1:40.14 (83.87mph). Standings: 1, Robinson 27, Vincent 23. TT Superbikes: First race (10 laps): 1, M Rutter (Ducati) 18:34.48 (80.75mph); 2, I Simpson (Honda) at 8.83sec; 3, J Reynolds (Kawasaki) at 15.77sec. Fastest lap: Rutter 1:49.40 (82.26mph). Second race: 1, J Whitham (Ducati) 16:23.33 (91.52mph); 2, Reynolds at 3.83secs; 3, Rutter at 15.74secs. Fastest lap: Whitham 1:37.11 (92.67mph). Standings: 1, Rutter 23; 2, Reynolds 22. ACU Supateen Challenge (nine laps, 22.5 miles): 1, P Norman (Aprilia) 21:08.02 (63.98mph). Fastest lap: R Hamblin (Cagiva) 2:17.19 (65.60mph). Mobil 1 Triumph Speed Triple Challenge (10 laps): 1, M Corrigan (Triumph) 19:44.09 (76.00mph). Fastest lap: Corrigan 1:56.73 (77.76mph).

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: World championship: Final challenge: R Fahey (Aus) bt W Davies (Aus) 6-2 (Davies ret).

ROWING

HAZEWINKEL, Belgium: Small boat British trials winners: Heavyweight: Men: Coxless pairs: S Redgrave and M Pinsent 6min 39sec. Single sculls: W Hall-Craggs 7:15. Double sculls: J Cracknell and R Thatcher 4:43 (1500 metres). Women: Coxless pairs: D Blackie and K Pollit 7:25. Single sculls: M Batten 7:38. Lightweight: Men: Coxless pairs: I Watson and N Strange 6:46. Single sculls: P Haining 7:23. Double sculls: P Haining and C Smith 4:52 (1500 metres). Women: Single sculls: S Appelboom 7:48.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Rochdale 22 London Broncos 4.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cancelled: Caerleon v Ebbw Vale; Gilfach Goch v Abercynon.

TENNIS

BERMUDA: Men's tournament: First round: T Martin (US) bt K Thorne (US) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; V Spadea (US) bt S Pescosolido (It) 7-5, 6-2; M Carlsson (Br) bt M Merklein (US) 6-4, 6-1; K Braasch (Ger) bt M Sinner (Ger) 5-7, 6-1, 6-2; K Alami (Mor) bt P McEnroe (US) 6-3, 7-6; J Frana (Arg) bt W McGuire (US) 6-2, 6-2; J Arrese (Sp) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt L Gloria (US) 6-4, 6-4. C Bergstrom (Swe) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-2, 7-5.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Second round: T Enqvist (Swe) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-7, 6-1, 6-4; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt G Rusedski (Can) 7-5, 6-4.

FED CUP: LA MANGA: Europe/Africa group: Group A: Slovenia 2 Czech Republic 1 (Slovenia names first: B Mulej bt H Sukova 7-6, 6-2; T Krizan bt J Novotna 0-6, 6-3, 6-3; T Jezerska and Krizan lost to R Bobkova and P Langrova 6-0, 4-4, 3-6r). Great Britain 2 Poland 1 (Great Britain names first: S-A Siddall lost to A Olsza 6-7, 5-7; C Wood bt M Grzybowska 7-5, 6-1; J Durie and Clare Wood bt Grzybowska and Olsza 6-2, 7-5). Group B: Hungary 3 Ukraine 0 (Hungary names first: P Mandula bt T Beltto 6-2, 6-1; A Temesvari bt O Lugina 6-2, 6-1; Mandula and Temesvari bt Beltto and Lugina 6-3, 6-3). Russia 3 Georgia 0 (Russia names first: O Ivanova bt V Bakhtadze 6-3, 6-0; E Makarova bt N Louarsabishvili 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; Ivanova and E Likhovtseva bt Bakhtadze and Louarsabishvili 6-4, 7-6). Group C: Belarus 2 Switzerland 1 (Belarus names first: T Ignatieva bt G Dondit 6-3, 7-6; N Zvereva bt M Hingis 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; M Stoles and V Zhukovets lost Hingis and J Manta 1-6, 1-6). Latvia 2 Finland 1 (Latvia names first: [illegible] Bushevitsa lost to P Thoren 4-6, 4-6; L Neiland bt N Dahlman 6-0, 6-1; A Blumberga and Neiland bt Dahlman and Thoren 6-1, 6-2). Group D: Belgium 3 Israel 0 (Belgium names first: L Courtois bt H Rosen 6-2, 6-4; S Appelmans bt A Smashnova 6-2, 6-4; N Feber and E Callens bt T Obziler and Rosen 6-2, 4-6, 6-3). Romania 2 Croatia 1 (Romania names first: C Cristea bt M Palaversic 6-3, 7-6; R Dragomir lost to I Majoli 4-6, 2-6; Cristea and Dragomir bt N Ercegovic and Majoli 4-6, 6-3, 6-1). Seoul: Asia-Oceania zone: Group A: South Korea bt Kazakhstan 3-0; Thailand bt New Zealand 2-1. Group B: China bt Hong Kong 3-0; Philippines bt Taiwan 3-0.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance (maximum points 24): 24pts £20,396.05, 23 £504.25, 22 £18.55, 21 £10.25, 20 £1.25. Four draws: £28.40. Ten homes: £19.60. Five aways (three aways only on list): £77.55.

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Vernons: Treble chance: 24pts £10,128.45, 23: £231.50, 22: £10.80, 21: £5.05. Ten homes: £22.95. Five aways: £9.05.

TUESDAY: CROOME AND WEST WARWICKSHIRE (Upton on Severn): Hunt: 1, Demers Treasure (A Sansome 2-1); 2, Major Nova; 3, Riva's Touch. Rest I: 1, Harwell Lad (R Nuttall, 9-4); 2, Nether Gobions; 3, Sudanore; 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Workingforpeanuts (Ms P Jones 4-7 fav); 2, Northern Quay. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Open: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheeler 1-3 fav); 2, Chibougama; 3, Bolshie Baron; 6 ran. Confined: 1, Shanoski (M Jackson 4-11 fav); 2, High Ham Blues; 3, Fiffa's Boy; 3 ran. Rest II: 1, Absolutum (A Price 11-4); 2, Prince Ceva; 3, Pillow Spin. Mdn I: 1, Monlys Gunner (Mrs N Sheppard 2-1); 2, Aldington Charlie; 3, Mariner's Walk. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, Just Whisper (T Stephenson 4-6 fav); 2, Big Buckley; 3, Free Bear. 5 ran.

HIGH PEAK (Flagg Moor): Hunt: 1, Carl's Star (Ms S Rodman, Evens fav); 2, Tipp Down; 3, Riot Island. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Scally Muire (A Crow 1-5 fav); 2, Wot Pal; 3, Jopejuscha. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Across The Lake (Ms S Brotherton 4-5 fav); 2, Demers Cavalry; 3, Tommy My Girl; 6 ran. Open: 1, Wally Wrekin (R Ford 7-4); 2, Write The Music; 3, Ben Head. 4 ran. PPOA: 1, Sloe Hill (R Burton 4-9 fav); 2, Ballyvoyle Bay; 3, Worleston Farrier. 6 ran. Mdn: 1, Commander (Ms P Robson 6-4 fav); 2, Gold Dam; 3, River Sunset; 14 ran.

Answers from page 43

OSTINATO

(b) Recurring, frequently repeated, as a musical direction, from the Italian *ostinato* obstinate, persistent. In the plural as a noun, *ostinati* or *ostinatos* - a musical figure which recurs unchanged and at the same pitch. "*In Erwartung* the Way becomes an ostinato figure that marks the beginning of a Schoenbergian serialism."

POINCIANA

(a) An evergreen tree or a deciduous prickly shrub of the genus formerly so called, now divided between *Delonix* and *Caesalpinia*, belonging to the family Leguminosae, native to the West Indies, Madagascar, or northern Africa, and bearing racemes of scarlet or yellow flowers. An eponym from the name of *M. de Poinci*, a 17th-century governor of the Antilles + *-ana*.

RIN

(b) A Japanese monetary unit, equivalent to one-tenth of a sen, also a coin of this value, also collectively as a plural, transliteration of the Japanese. "The bronze sen and 5-rin pieces of his reign had as obverse type the kiri-flower crest which had appeared on the gold obans and kobans of the shogunate."

QUAISS KITIR

(c) Very good! Very well! OK!, international military slang from the Egyptian Arabic *kwayyis*, diminutive of *kayyis* fine + *kitir* very. Sergeant Entwistle said, "Sausages and beer, quaiss kitir, I wish I had some now instead of this muck."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Rxf6! Rxf6 (if 1 ... Kxf6 White wins with 2, Qh6+ Kxf5; 3, Re6!) 2, Qg5+ Kf7; 3, Re6! and Black has no good move as 3 ... Rxe6 loses the queen to 4, dxe6+. Black tried 4, ... Rxf5, but lost after 4, Qxf5+ Kg8; 5, Qg5+ Kh8; 6, Re7.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Diffident, right, produces a telling burst of speed to overhaul Harayir, centre, in the European Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday

Diffident shows no hesitation

By Julian Muscat

FORTY-EIGHT hours until Celtic Swing steps out at Newbury and the classic pot is coming nicely to the boil. With Pennekamp triumphant on his seasonal comeback, it was the turn of Diffident, his stablemate and galloping companion, to endorse a glowing home reputation in the Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday. He did not disappoint.

In a fascinating race, Diffident summoned blistering acceleration to cut down Harayir deep inside the final furlong. It was a sensational show, particularly as Harayir's exertions were worthy enough to accord her outright favouritism for the 1,000 Guineas with Ladbrokes. Citadeed, an honourable third, is now bound for the Kentucky Derby.

Speculation immediately mounted over the destinations of Pennekamp and Diffident. Both colts are owned by Sheikh Mohammed, whose third string, Goldmark, has yet to reach the track. Pennekamp's agenda, recently altered by the Sheikh to embrace the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, may yet be subject to further review.

Connections will not finalise plans until Celtic Swing contests the Greenham Stakes, but with Pennekamp singled out by his trainer, André Fabre, as genuine Derby material, it would not be the greatest surprise if he is now diverted to France.

That would leave Diffident a clear shot at Celtic Swing, with Pennekamp held in reserve to ambush the Lady Herries-trained colt at Epsom. Whatever the outcome of this scenario of many permutations, the one undeniable conclusion is that Diffident's place is in the highest class.

As Michael Kinane, on the stands' side, kept a tight hold of Diffident, Willie Carson, who challenged up the far rail, swept Harayir into a clear advantage some 300 yards from the finish. Kinane had not seen the attack, and Diffident, although travelling within himself, was suddenly left three lengths behind.

It looked an irretrievable deficit. But Diffident, a small colt, responded to the challenge like a monster. In a flash he was up to Harayir's flanks; a few strides later he was clear of the filly and home by more than a length. Little wonder Kinane observed: "It probably shocked Willie that I came past him so quickly."

For all Diffident's brilliance, this was a most encouraging effort from Harayir. In hindsight, her lacklustre run in the Cheveley Park Stakes was attributable to her having lost her zest. Harayir will make a formidable contestant for the 1,000 Guineas on May 7, given two weeks of warm weather.

As for Diffident, the suspicion remains that he might not be as effective over a mile. By Nureyev, he is from an Irish River mare who competed at distances below a mile. He has the electric speed of a sprinter, although his relaxed demeanour might enable him to carry his ability over the 2,000 Guineas distance. To this eye, he was in his element over this seven furlongs.

It was hardly surprising to hear Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Sheikh Mohammed, say of Diffident: "He works with Pennekamp but is naturally a faster horse. The pair have brought each other on a great deal."

The Sheikh, who last month effectively committed Pennekamp to the 2,000 Guineas, is now faced with a diplomatic nightmare. Should Diffident seriously ruffle Celtic Swing's feathers in the Newmarket classic, the best place for Pennekamp would be in the French equivalent at Longchamp. That would incur the wrath of Pennekamp's 2,000 Guineas supporters, but, as we have already been reminded after two days of classic trials, those who anticipate the fall of the cards are either very brave or very foolish.

Eltish can home in on Kentucky objective

NEWMARKET

C4

2.35: These early-season handicaps for three-year-olds can be particularly tricky for punters, given the large number of lightly-raced runners open to substantial improvement. That is the case here. Sheer Danzig, an above-average winner on the all-weather last month, will improve over this longer trip, as will the potentially well-treated Indonesian.

Zingibar won a Salisbury maiden in a good time before disappointing on his final start last term, but has been gelded and could progress. However, Dance Band is taken to defy top weight after a pleasing reappearance at Ripon 13 days ago. Ben Hanbury's colt could prove better than a handicapper in time.

3.05: Eltish must win well here to justify the journey to the Kentucky Derby. Henry Cecil's runner is certainly the form horse, having won the Royal Lodge Stakes before finishing third in the Dewhurst Stakes and runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. However, he faces some lightly raced opponents who look sure to make their mark this term, including the unbeaten Wijara and the once-raced Flemensfirth, whose breeding suggests he will relish middle-distances later this year. Peter Walwyn has his horses well forward and Munwar was an impressive winner at Newbury last September.

3.40: Peter Chapple-Hyam emphasised on Tuesday that Painter's Row would almost certainly need today's race. Chilly Billy showed a sparkling turn of foot to land the Gimcrack Stakes but the time of the race was nothing exceptional. Traikey won his only start in a fast time at Yarmouth and has been working well with some of Luca Cumani's horses, but preference is for Nwaamis, who beat three-year-olds on his only start at two when winning impressively by four lengths.

4.10: Musica, who ran respectably on soft ground at Leicester three weeks ago when not looking fully wound up, has sound prospects for the in-form Mick Channon. A winner at Beverley on fast ground last term, he should improve on his first attempt over six furlongs.

Kabil bolted up in a Kempton nursery and ended last season with his best run when just failing to catch the well-supported Wardara over this course and distance, but may prove suited by further in time. South Sound is another to consider.

RICHARD EVANS

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

THUNDERER

2.00 Prince Arthur
2.35 Zingibar
3.05 Eltish
3.40 Traikey
4.10 **KABIL** (nap)
4.45 L'Ami Louis
5.20 Kustom Kit

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 ELTISH.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Charnwood Forest. 3.05 ELTISH (nap). 3.40 Traikey.

103 (12)	0-0432	GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 GRANBY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O colts and geldings: £5,390: 7f) (10 runners)

101	(7)		BERSHOLT (B Pensick) G L Moore 8-11	S Whitworth	—
102	(5)		BIN ROSIE (Wafic Said) D Loder 8-11	J Weaver	—
103	(1)	2-	CHARNWOOD FOREST 245 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11	M J Kinane	●
104	(10)	0-	CITY RUN 178 (Mrs M Schneider) D Cosgrove 8-11	M Rimmer	—
105	(4)	2-	PRINCE ARTHUR 182 (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	93
106	(2)		ROYAL SOLO (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	B Thomson	—
107	(6)		RUG (Lord Hartington) G Wragg 8-11	M Hills	—
108	(3)	25-	SAMWAR 287 (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery	81
109	(8)	3-	TIME LEADER 175 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	70
110	(9)	3-2	VIYAPARI 14 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-11	L Dettori	92

BETTING: 6-4 Charnwood Forest, 7-2 Prince Arthur, 9-2 Viyapari, 6-1 Samwar, 7-1 Royal Solo, 10-1 others.

1994: ZILZAL ZAMAAN 9-0 W R Swinburn (13-2) M Stoute 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARNWOOD FOREST 2½l 2nd of 8 to Green Perfume in maiden at York (6f, good to firm). CITY RUN 18l 8th of 15 to Traikey in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good). PRINCE ARTHUR short-head 2nd of 21 to Didina in maiden at Newbury (6f, good to soft). SAMWAR beat Suzero a head (later disqualified) in maiden at Newcastle (5f, firm) on penultimate start. VIYAPARI 2¾l 2nd of 12 to Daunt in maiden at Leicester (1m, good).
Selection: CHARNWOOD FOREST

2.35 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP
C4

(3-Y-O: £7,375: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

201	(3)	12-3	DANCE BAND 15 (C,G) (Abdullah Ali) B Hanbury 9-7	W R Swinburn	90
202	(11)	350-	IN CAMERA 205 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-6	M J Kinane	90
203	(6)	5310-	YACHT 188 (B,G) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-5	M Hills	87
204	(10)	032-	INDONESIAN 233 (J Pearce) M Bell 8-5	M Fenton	85
205	(9)	3-1	SHEER DANZIG 31 (G) (R Arcoff) R Armstrong 8-3	R Price	95
206	(4)	055-	LEONTIOS 185 (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 8-2	P Robinson	98
207	(8)	315-	ZINGIBAR 264 (F) (B Hills) B Hills 8-1	J Carroll	92
208	(7)	111-124	BATTLESHIP BRUCE 85 (D,BF,G,S) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 8-1	Stephen Davies	92
209	(1)	4-03114	SOLDIER'S LEAP 13 (B,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-1	B Doyle	98
210	(2)	50520-3	NOONDAY GUN 21 (K Higson) R Hannon 7-11	W Carson	●
211	(5)	146244	KOMREYEV DANCER 19 (G) (D Gallagher) A Bailey 7-9	N Adams	95

BETTING: 9-2 Dance Band, 5-1 Sheer Danzig, 6-1 Yacht, Battleship Bruce, 7-1 In Camera, 8-1 Soldier's Leap, Indonesian, 10-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DANCE BAND 6l 3rd of 7 to Torrential in conditions stakes at Ripon (1m 1f, good to soft). IN CAMERA best effort last term neck and 3l 3rd of 11 to Waiest in maiden here (7f, good). YACHT beat Owdbetts ½l in 9-runner maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. INDONESIAN head 2nd of 9 to Mihriz in maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm). SHEER DANZIG beat Abu Simbel ¾l in 12-runner maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m). ZINGIBAR best effort last term beat Fairy Knight ¾l in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). SOLDIER'S LEAP completed double beat Never So Rite 7l in 3-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. NOONDAY GUN 13l 3rd of 6 to Lord Jim in maiden at Leicester (1m 4f, soft). KOMREYEV DANCER best effort this term beat Nigel's Lad ½l in 5-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd) with BATTLESHIP BRUCE (12lb worse off) 12l 4th.
Selection: IN CAMERA

3.05 FEILDEN STAKES
C4

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £11,200: 1m 1f) (7 runners)

301	(7)	211132-	ELTISH 186 (F,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-5	Pat Eddery	●
302	(2)	1-	FLEMENSFIRTH 213 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	87
303	(5)	365-122	HEATHYARDS ROCK 15 (G) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 8-11	T Ives	88
304	(4)	211-	INDIAN LIGHT 243 (C,G) (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 8-11	T Quinn	84
305	(1)	31-	MUNWAR 216 (S) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	W Carson	90
306	(3)	102-	SECKAR VALE 170 (S) (J Hanson) J Hanson 8-11	M Hills	89
307	(6)	11-	WIJARA 209 (B,S) (Mohamed Suhail) R Hannon 8-11	R Perham	89

BETTING: 6-4 Eltish, 9-4 Flemensfirth, 7-1 Indian Light, 8-1 Heathyards Rock, Wijara, 10-1 Munwar, 14-1 Seckar Vale.

1994: CICERAO 8-11 W R Swinburn (12-1) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELTISH 2l 2nd of 13 to Timber Country in grade I Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs (1m 110yd, fast). FLEMENSFIRTH beat Motarej 3l in 13-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to soft). HEATHYARDS ROCK 3½l 2nd of 7 to Torrential in conditions stakes at Ripon (1m 1f, good to soft). INDIAN LIGHT completed double beat New Century ½l in 7-runner conditions stakes at Sandown (1m, good). MUNWAR beat Sattello 2½l in 9-runner conditions stakes at Newbury (1m, soft). SECKAR VALE ½l 2nd of 5 to Inzar in conditions stakes at Newcastle (6f, good to soft). WIJARA completed double beat Classic Cliche short-head in 7-runner conditions stakes at Ascot (7f, good).
Selection: MUNWAR

3.40 CRAVEN STAKES
C4

(Group III: 3-Y-O colts and geldings: £21,574: 1m) (6 runners)

401	(3)	5341-	CHILLY BILLY 246 (F) (G Shouler) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	K Fallon	98
402	(5)	2111-21	DENEBOLA WAY (Mrs A Chandris) R Charlton 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
403	(2)	11-	PAINTER'S ROW 182 (C,F,S) (Lord Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12	J Reid	98
404	(6)	31223-	MONTJOY 201 (F) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 8-9	T Quinn	●
405	(1)	1-	NWAAMIS 173 (C,S) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9	W Carson	95
406	(4)	1-	TRAIKEY 176 (D,G) (Sheikh Ahmad Yousuf Al Sabah) J Banks 8-9	R Cochrane	86

BETTING: 2-1 Painter's Row, 11-4 Chilly Billy, 3-1 Montjoy, 4-1 Nwaamis, 8-1 Traikey, 25-1 Denebola Way.

1994: KING'S THEATRE 9-0 M J Kinane (5-1) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHILLY BILLY beat Fallow 2l in 11-runner group II Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good to firm). DENEBOLA WAY champion juvenile in Greece last season. PAINTER'S ROW completed double beat Bishop of Cashel 2½l in group III Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft). MONTJOY 2¾l 3rd of 4 to Goldmark in group I Grand Criterium at Longchamp (1m, soft). NWAAMIS beat Night Hero 4l in conditions stakes here (6f, soft). TRAIKEY beat Dawlah 4l in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good).
Selection: MONTJOY (nap)

4.10 WISBECH HANDICAP
C4

(3-Y-O: £5,900: 6f) (9 runners)

501	(2)	014510-	CHEYENNE SPIRIT 199 (F,G) (C Mauritzon) B Hanbury 9-7	W Ryan	93
502	(5)	404162-	KABIL 189 (D,G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-6	W Carson	94
503	(4)	253410-	HERE COMES RISKY 189 (D,S) (Mrs M Petty) M Johnston 9-6	J Reid	92
504	(6)	31-3	MUSICA 21 (G) (Jonathan Knight) M Channon 9-3	R Hughes	96
505	(9)	02104-0	A MILLION TO ONE 28 (G) (Mrs E Harris) M Bell 9-0	M Fenton	88
506	(8)	454620-	CATS BOTTOM 188 (F) (D Croft) D Cosgrove 8-10	M Rimmer	92
507	(1)	00-1143	MONTAGUE DAWSON 26 (D,G) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 8-6	J Weaver	90
508	(3)	0200-0	SOUTH SOUND 16 (I Wight) R Hannon 8-1	B Doyle	●
509	(7)	0-06	PEGGY SPENCER 16 (G Reed) C Thornton 7-10	A Mackay	90

BETTING: 11-4 Kabil, 7-2 Musica, 9-2 Peggy Spencer, 7-1 A Million To One, 8-1 Montague Dawson, 9-1 South Sound, 10-1 Here Comes Risky, 14-1 Cats Bottom, Cheyenne Spirit.

1994: BELLO GALLICO 8-6 Pat Eddery (9-2) R Hannon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHEYENNE SPIRIT best effort last term beat Katya ¾l in 7-runner conditions stakes at Bath (5f, good) on penultimate start. KABIL 1½l 2nd of 21 to Wardara in nursery over course and distance (good). HERE COMES RISKY beat Cumbrian Minstrel 1l in 9-runner nursery at Ayr (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. MUSICA 1½l 3rd of 8 to Portend in handicap at Leicester (5f, soft). A MILLION TO ONE 9l 9th of 14 to Portend in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good). CATS BOTTOM ½l 2nd of 11 to Red Dan in nursery at Redcar (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. MONTAGUE DAWSON 1¾l 3rd of 11 to Sol Tasker in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f). SOUTH SAND 5l 7th of 19 to Denbrae in handicap at Nottingham (6f, good). PEGGY SPENCER 6¾l 6th of 17 to Karina Heights in maiden at Nottingham (5f, good).
Selection: A MILLION TO ONE

4.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND STUNTNEY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £5,072: 5f) (7 runners)

601	(3)	CENTURION (G Teo) R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
602	(6)	DEADLINE TIME (P Savill) M Tompkins 8-11	W Ryan	—
603	(1)	INCAPOL (D Bell) M Ryan 8-11	D Biggs	—
604	(5)	L'AMI LOUIS (Oak Cliff Foals of 1993 Plus 2 LLC) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	—
605	(2)	LUCAYAN PRINCE (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-11	J Weaver	—
606	(7)	OBERONS BOY (E Winfield) B Meehan 8-11	B Doyle	—
607	(4)	RED NOSE (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 8-11	P Robinson	—

BETTING: 7-4 L'Ami Louis, 5-2 Centurion, 5-1 Lucayan Prince, 7-1 Deadline Time, 8-1 Red Nose, 10-1 Incapol, 25-1 Oberons Boy.

1994: SILCA BLANKA 9-0 T Quinn (9-4) M Channon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CENTURION 28,000gns brother to fair multiple sprint winner Moscow Road, and Peroni, promising 6f-7f winner; dam and unraced half-sister to several winners. DEADLINE TIME 16,000gns half-brother to 7f juvenile winner Specific and 6f juvenile winner and later hurdler Close The Till; dam half-sister to American grade II winner. INCAPOL 3,500gns half-brother to Chilly Lad, 1m-1m2f winner, and Dullertons, three times juvenile winner. L'AMI LOUIS $225,000 half-brother to Jade Hunter, a multiple winner in North America; dam a minor winner in North America. Stable has made fine start to the season. LUCAYAN PRINCE second known foal, dam a dual minor winner in North America. Stable registered first juvenile winner here yesterday. OBERONS BOY 19,000gns first foal, dam won three times in Ireland over 5f-6f at two and three years. RED NOSE 21,000gns half-brother to Court Joker, placed over 6f at two years last season; dam 7f-1m winner in Ireland at four years.
No selection

5.20 THETFORD CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,156: 5f) (5 runners)

1	(3)	61	DUNGEON MASTER 16 (D,G) (Classicstone Partnership) M Channon 9-4	R Hughes	—
2	(4)	51	GWESPYR 13 (D,G) (Lord Mostyn) J Berry 9-4	J Carroll	—
3	(2)	1	KUSTOM KIT 26 (D,F) (Charterhouse Holdings Plc) B McMahon 9-4	F Norton	—
4	(5)	0	NAVIGATE 5 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) R Hannon 8-12	Pat Eddery	—
5	(1)		NIGHT PARADE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12	J Reid	—

BETTING: 7-4 Night Parade, 11-4 Gwespyr, 7-2 Kustom Kit, 5-1 Dungeon Master, 6-1 Navigate.

1994: STATOM 9-2 T Quinn (8-11 fav) M Channon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUNGEON MASTER beat Dance Of The Moon 1½l in 9-runner maiden at Nottingham (5f, good). GWESPYR beat Cyrillic 2l in 8-runner maiden at Lingfield (5f, good). Earlier 3¼l 5th of 12 to World Premier in maiden at Doncaster (5f, good) with DUNGEON MASTER 1l 6th. KUSTOM KIT beat Ortolan ½l in 13-runner auction maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). NAVIGATE 8¾l 13th of 20 to Amaretto Bay in maiden at Kempton (5f, good to firm). NIGHT PARADE first known foal; dam, full-sister to high-class French colt Antisaas and half-sister to multiple 11f-14f winner Lake Erie, of little account.
Selection: GWESPYR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Charlton, 17 winners from 75 runners, 22.7%; H Cecil, 47 from 264, 17.8%; D Loder, 9 from 51, 17.6%; P Chapple-Hyam, 17 from 100, 17.0%; J Gosden, 50 from 309, 16.2%; P Walwyn, 11 from 74, 14.9%; P Cole, 24 from 168, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 90 winners from 463 rides, 19.4%; M J Kinane, 10 from 59, 16.9%; W R Swinburn, 56 from 345, 16.2%; J Weaver, 14 from 99, 14.1%; L Dettori, 62 from 470, 13.2%; Stephen Davies, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

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THUNDERER
2.20 Killone Abbot. 2.50 Midnight Caller. 3.20 Glanmerin. 3.50 Royal Jester. 4.20 Willie Sparkle. 4.55 Great Max.
Brian Beel: 3.50 Royal Jester.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.20 WEST SOUND RADIO NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,752: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	1150	ADDINGTON BOY 14 (F,G) G Richards 7-12-5	R Dunwoody	73
2	4101	KILLONE ABBOT 21 (S) J Old 5-12-0	J Osborne	●
3	021R	LAST DECADE 8 (S) G Stewart 7-11-9	Mr I Buchanan	—
4	4102	MASTER BAVARD 17 (G) P Monteith 7-11-9	G Cahill (7)	84
5	0500	ABBEYLANDS 27 J Johnson 7-11-4	N Williamson	81
6	0P00	BLASTER BINS 19 (B,F) J Johnson 7-11-4	F Leahy (5)	82
7	4	KERAK 16 Miss M Milligan 5-11-4	Mr C Bonner (5)	—
8	P0	MISTER TRICK 17 L Lungo 5-11-4	F Perratt (3)	55
9	0	POLAR GALE 131 J Halcane 6-11-4	T Reed	—
10	-440	QUARRY HOUSE 21 D Chappell 7-11-4	G Upton	83
11		SECOND CONTRACT Mrs S Bramall 5-11-4	J Burke	—
12	600	SOVEREIGN SPRAY 124 J Curtis 5-11-4	L O'Hara	—
13	0P26	CRAIGIE RAMBLER 41 D Robertson 6-10-13	R Bellamy	59
14	000	MISS MOUNT 7 C Motley 6-10-13	R Hodge	53
15	PPP0	MY GODDY 7 J Dods 6-10-13	Mr A Manners (7)	—
16	0	WITNESS OF TRUTH 33 Mrs S Taylor 5-10-13	S Melrose (7)	—

5-2 Killone Abbot, 3-1 Addington Boy, 6-1 Quarry House, 8-1 Master Bavard, 12-1 Second Contract, Last Decade, 14-1 others.

2.50 GEORGE GRAHAM MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,955: 3m 1f) (8)

1	1-1F	MIDNIGHT CALLER 145 (BF,S) S Sherwood 9-12-0	J Osborne	●
2	233P	PADAVENTURE 103 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs L Plater 10-11-7	Mr C Bonner (5)	91
3	13PP	WHAAT FETTLE 5 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-5	M Moloney	95
4	1330	MONKEY AGO 19 (G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-4	Mr D Parker (5)	91
5	4201	PERSIAN HOUSE 30 (F,G,S) J Jefferson 8-10-6	M Dwyer	91
6	U115	BOARDING SCHOOL 47 (C,F,G,S) C Parker 8-10-2	B Storey	96
7	P-00	TRES AMIGOS 19 (D,F,S) J Johnson 9-10-0	A Larnach (3)	88
8	0322	TIMANFAYA 45 (F,G) W Reed 8-10-0	T Reed	87

9-4 Midnight Caller, 5-2 Persian House, 5-1 Padaventure, 6-1 Monkey Ago, 8-1 Whaat Fettle, Boarding School, 12-1 others.

3.20 RUINART CHAMPAGNE FOUR YEAR OLD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,890: 2m) (7)

1	11	GLANMERIN 22 (D,G,S) K Morgan 12-0	A S Smith	90
2	2001	COVER POINT 9 (D,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-1 (7ex)	E Callaghan (7)	93
3	3F32	DOON RIDGE 9 (D,G) J J O'Neill 10-6	M Dwyer	●
4	555	GRANDMAN 27 D Moffatt 10-2	D J Moffatt (3)	98
5	3506	MERRYHILL GOLD 41 J Curtis 10-0	L O'Hara	88
6	14	SARMATIAN 20F (BF,D,F) M Hammond 10-0	N Williamson	88
7	P05	BRUZ 40 (B) W Kemp 10-0	S McDougall	65

4-5 Glanmerin, 7-2 Cover Point, 9-2 Doon Ridge, 10-1 Sarmatian, 12-1 Grandman, 25-1 Merryhill Gold, 66-1 Bruz.

3.50 ROYAL SCOTS DRAGOON GUARDS CUP HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs £3,552: 3m 3f 110yd) (9)

1	00-P	CAMDONAGE 17 (C,F,G,S) A Crow 14-12-0	—	—
2	50-U	FAST STUDY 19P (S) S Robinson 10-12-0	Simon Robinson (7)	—
3	104U	GREEN TIMES 16 (G,S) Miss M Milligan 10-12-0	W Ramsay (7)	59
4	11F-	HONEST WORD 400 (G,S) S Brookshaw 10-12-0	S Brookshaw (5)	●
5	-524	LOUGHLINSTOWN BOY 17 (F,G) J Fiddell 10-12-0	N Wilson (5)	73
6	01-5	ON THE OTHER HAND 13 (F,G,S) G Richards 12-12-0	A Ogden (7)	76
7	-202	ROYAL JESTER 17 (G,S) Mrs J Storey 11-12-0	C Storey (7)	78
8	1R12	RUBER 9 (F,G,S) R Thomson 8-12-0	Miss P Robson (7)	62
9	1210	SPARKLING FLAME 13 (F,G) R Bartlett 11-12-0	D Parker (5)	75

9-4 Royal Jester, 4-1 Green Times, Honest Word, 9-2 On The Other Hand, 8-1 Sparkling Flame, 10-1 Ruber, 12-1 Loughlinstown Boy, 20-1 others.

4.20 WG WALKER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,884: 2m) (12)

1	-000	WILLIE SPARKLE 17 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-10	R Murphy (7)	90
2	5113	GLINDIGO 27 (G,S) P Monteith 7-11-6	B Harding (5)	92
3	FP00	AUBURN BOY 31 (G) M W Easterby 8-11-6	R Garritty	80
4	4/P4	NIAD 7 J Johnson 11-10-11	N Williamson	83
5	2604	PORT IN A STORM 16 (S) M Hammond 6-10-10	Mr C Bonner (5)	91
6	3-4F	INDIAN RIVER 141 Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-10	M Dwyer	—
7	F64P	RAWAAN 17 (F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-10-8	A S Smith	—
8	5546	BACK BEFORE DAWN 17 (G,S) P Monteith 8-10-7	G Cahill (7)	92
9	3300	CARDENDEN 17 (D,G) J Barclay 7-10-3	A Thornton	●
10	P-P5	SAGARO BELLE 16 A Crow 9-10-1	P Waggott	89
11	F-P0	JUST MOLLY 31 W Reed 8-10-0	T Reed	—
12	6200	MUSKET SHOT 12 Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-0	A Watt (7)	98

9-4 Glindigo, 5-1 Niad, 6-1 Indian River, 8-1 Auburn Boy, Port In A Storm, 10-1 Willie Sparkle, Rawaan, 14-1 others.

4.55 FRIENDLY HOTELS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£5,020: 3m 2f 110yd) (10)

1	4454	LOCH SCAVAIG 14 (F,G,S) D Moffatt 6-12-0	D J Moffatt (3)	91
2	0225	BUCKBOARD BOUNCE 14 (G,S) G Richards 9-11-11	R Dunwoody	
3	-522	ARFER MOLE 21 (S) J Old 7-11-1	T Grantham	93
4	U115	RUFUS 19 (B,D,S) B Smart 9-10-13	C Llewellyn	91
5	230F	HIGH GRADE 33 (G,S) Miss S Wilton 7-10-12	T Eley (3)	93
6	0235	COOLI LANE 17 (C,S) J M Dun 8-10-9	P Niven	91
7	-050	RYE HILL QUEEN 9 (F,S) R Fahey 5-10-7	M Dwyer	—
8	3P52	GREAT MAX 40 (G) C Parker 6-10-3	Mr D Parker (5)	93
9	0132	GREAT EASEBY 33 (S) W Storey 5-10-2	K Johnson	●
10	UP04	RUSTINO 19 (C,G,S) W Cunningham 9-10-0	W Fry (5)	92

5-2 Arfer Mole, 4-1 Loch Scavaig, 5-1 Great Max, 6-1 Buckboard Bounce, Great Easeby, 8-1 Rufus, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J J O'Neill, 20 winners from 86 runners, 23.3%; G Richards, 53 from 236, 22.5%; J Jefferson, 4 from 20, 20.0%; M Hammond, 11 from 78, 14.1%; L Lungo, 10 from 75, 13.3%; Mrs S Bradburne, 16 from 124, 12.9%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 39 winners from 146 rides, 26.7%; M Dwyer, 13 from 68, 19.1%; B Harding, 4 from 24, 16.7%; B Storey, 25 from 178, 14.0%; A Larnach, 3 from 23, 13.0%; A Thornton, 3 from 25, 12.0%; T Reed, 15 from 128, 11.7%.

Blinkered first time

AYR: 2.20 Blaster Bins. 3.20 Bruz. Ballinrobe 4.30 Winger
RIPON: 5.00 Le Bal

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THUNDERER
2.30 Tadeo. 3.00 Gorinsky. 3.30 Hujjab. 4.00 Contrafire. 4.30 Kalar. 5.00 Danegold.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SHAROW MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,046: 5f) (8 runners)

1		BORANA LODGE Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	D Harrison 4
2		BRIGANDONE S Bowring 9-0	C Teague (5) 7
3		DON'T TELL ANYONE J Berry 9-0	G Carter 5
4		MONTRESTAR P Evans 9-0	J Fortune 2
5		MOONCUSSER Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	Dean McKeown 8
6		SCATHEBURY S Woods 9-0	W Woods 6
7		TADEO M Channon 9-0	K Darley 1
8	4	EXACTLY 16 M Johnston 8-9	D Holland 3

7-4 Don't Tell Anyone, 11-4 Tadeo, 5-1 Exactly, 6-1 Borana Lodge, 8-1 Scathebury, Mooncusser, 14-1 others.

3.00 COPT HEWICK CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,879: 5f) (14)

1	00-0	PETE AFRIQUE 15 (D,F,S) M W Easterby 4-9-5	L Charnock 14
2	23-6	FANGIO 13 (CD,F,G) W G M Turner 6-9-6	P McCabe (5) 4
3	103-	GORINSKY 180 (C,D,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-6	G Carter 2
4	-004	ROSSINI BLUE 35 A Bailey 4-9-4	K Darley 5
5	1942	SIGAMA 19 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 9-9-0	Alex Greaves 7
6	220-	THICK AS THIEVES 188 (D,F,G) Ronald Thompson 3-9-0	N Connorton 12
7	500-	BETTYKIMVIC 313 (D,G) E Alston 4-8-13	J Fortune 6
8	00	FATHER TIM 20 J Bradley 5-8-13	S Drowne (5) 11
9	515-	NOVOCENTO (D) J Dooler 5-8-13	Angela Gallimore (7) 3
10	000-	SUPREME DESIRE 185 (D,F,G,S) G Oldroyd 7-8-10	M McAndrew 9
11	000-	RED HOT RISK 187 (D,G) M Dods 3-8-9	Dale Gibson 8
12	00-0	ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 76 (D,S) R McKellar 3-8-1	T Williams 10
13	404-	LUGANA VISION 143 G Fierro 3-7-13	S Sanders (3) 13
14	400-	SUNSHINE BELLE 217 G Moore 3-7-13	J Fanning 1

2-1 Gorinsky, 7-2 Fangio, 6-1 Pete Afrique, 7-1 Sigama, 8-1 Rossini Blue, 10-1 Thick As Thieves, 12-1 Novocento, 14-1 others.

3.30 COCKED HAT COCK O'THE NORTH HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,576: 1m) (7)

1	110-	IN GOOD FAITH 189 (D,F,S) J Quinn 9-7	M Birch 4
2	332-	HUJJAB 170 J Dunlop 8-13	K Darley 5
3	1120	MONTANELLI 26 (D,G) K McAuliffe 8-11	G Duffield 1
4	410-	BARREL OF HOPE 141 (G) J Eyre 8-10	J Fortune 6
5	041-	ROCK FOUNDATION 234 (G) P Haslam 8-8	T Williams 2
6	441-	BETTERGETON 141 (G) P Bevan 8-5	S Sanders (3) 3
7	01-	KINGS ASSEMBLY 182 (S) P Harris 8-4	D Holland 7

6-4 Hujjab, 7-2 Kings Assembly, 9-2 In Good Faith, 7-1 Montanelli, 8-1 Rock Foundation, Barrel Of Hope, 10-1 Bettergeton.

4.00 FARM FED CHICKEN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,724: 1m 4f 60yd) (7)

1	41-3	WHAT'S THE VERDICT 100 (BF,G) M Johnston 9-7	T Williams 5
2	05-5	CRESPO 21 J Fanshawe 9-4	D Harrison 7
3	53-0	SALAMAN 21 J Dunlop 9-4	G Carter 2
4	3122	CONTRAFIRE 15 (G) W Jarvis 8-13	M Tebbutt 3
5	000-	WESTMINSTER 182 M Tompkins 8-5	S Mulvey (5) 6
6	0-00	FLYAWAY BLUES 15 Mrs M Reveley 8-5	K Darley 4
7	00-6	TESSAJOE 15 M Camacho 7-13	L Charnock 7

9-4 Contrafire, 7-2 Crespo, 5-1 Salaman, What's The Verdict, 7-1 Flyaway Blues, 8-1 Tessajoe, 16-1 Westminster.

4.30 NEWBY APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,985: 5f) (13)

1	0-03	DOMICKSKY 13 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 7-10-0	D Sweeney (10) 1
2	-600	GONDO 43 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 8-9-11	Martin Dwyer 7
3	0-00	PRINCE BELFORT 10 (B,D,F,G) J Eyre 7-9-9	G MacDonald (8) 9
4	1505	NINEACRES 3 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-9-1	B Peel (10) 12
5	008-	COVENT GARDEN GIRL 294 (D,G,S) M W Easterby 5-8-9	Ruth Coulter (3) 11
6	2320	PURBECK CENTENARY 26 (D,G) P Howling 5-8-9	Debbie Biggs (8) 10
7	4221	CHADWELL HALL 7 (B,D,G) S Bowring 4-8-7 (7ex)	P Fessey 13
8	0005	HENRY THE HAWK 21 (V) M Dods 4-8-4	A Eddery (3) 3
9	000-	BARBEZIEUX 262 (D,F,G,S) M Dods 8-8-3	S McCarthy (3) 2
10	04-0	RICH GLOW 21 N Bycroft 4-8-3	G Mitchell 4
11	004-	LEADING PRINCESS 206 (B,D,G) Miss L Perratt 4-8-2	G Faulkner (5) 5
12	1032	KALAR 20 (B,D,F,G) D Chapman 6-8-2	D Denby (3) 6
13	6-60	MISS SIHAM 70 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 6-7-12	S Lanigan 8

7-2 Chadwell Hall, 9-2 Domicksky, 5-1 Kalar, 6-1 Nineacres, 7-1 Rich Glow, 10-1 Covent Garden Girl, Gondo, 12-1 others.

5.00 LITTLETHORPE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,046: 1m) (9)

1	530-	COURT JOKER 198 M Tompkins 9-0	S Mulvey (5) 2
2	0-30	DANCE KING 26 J Banks 9-0	J Quinn 8
3	-335	DANEGOLD 13 (V) M Channon 9-0	K Darley 7
4	030-	HARVEY WHITE 168 J Pearce 9-0	G Bardwell 4
5	006-	INTENDANT 168 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	Dean McKeown 5
6	000-	PERCY PARROT 182 R Whitaker 9-0	A Culhane 6
7	600-	SPANISH STEPS 196 M W Easterby 9-0	L Charnock 3
8	60-0	LE BAL 14 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-9	J Fortune 9
9	0-60	SAILORS MOON 16 H Collingridge 8-9	W Woods 1

5-2 Danegold, 7-2 Court Joker, 9-2 Spanish Steps, 5-1 Intendant, 7-1 Dance King, 8-1 Percy Parrot, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 6 winners from 25 runners, 24.0%; J Pearce, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Channon, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Berry, 22 from 129, 17.1%; M Johnston, 12 from 76, 15.8%; W Jarvis, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: G Carter, 9 winners from 57 rides, 15.8%; K Darley, 22 from 146, 15.1%; Dean McKeown, 14 from 102, 13.7%; N Connorton, 12 from 89, 13.5%; G Duffield, 9 from 70, 12.9%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

Broadway Flyer returns

JOHN HILLS, the Lambourn trainer, yesterday confirmed St Leger runner-up Broadway Flyer's seasonal debut in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury on Saturday. "Broadway Flyer is in good form and definitely runs at Newbury," Hills said, "although it's a tough old race to start him off."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 (7f) 1. Warning Shadows (B Doyle, 7-1); 2. Tinashaan (16-1); 3. Dream Ticket (7-1). Avignon 5-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. 1½l, sh hd. C Brittain. Tote £15.30; £3.10, £7.00, £2.30. DF: £150.40. Trio £297.50. CSF: £100.51.

2.35 (7f) 1. Governor George (Pat Eddery, 13-2 fav); 2. Classic Sky (20-1); 3. Belfry Green (14-1); 4. Castel Rosselo (12-1). 21 ran. Hd, hd. J Dunlop. Tote £6.50; £2.00, £4.10, £2.90, £1.80. DF: £76.50. Trio £627.30. CSF: £121.17. Tricast: £1,623.92.

3.05 (1m 1f) 1. DESERT SHOT (W R Swinburn, 5-2, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Overbury (M J Kinane, 6-4 fav); 3. Airport (L Detton, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Nicolotte (4th), 11 Garden Of Heaven, 25 Jafeica (6th), 50 Fitzrovian (5th). 7 ran. Hd, 5l, 1½l, 1½l, 7l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote £3.00; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £6.12. 1min 48.73sec.

3.40 (7f) 1. DIFFIDENT (M J Kinane, 11-10 fav); 2. Harayir (W Carson, 10-1); 3. Citadeed (Pat Eddery, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Alami (4th), Bin Nashwan, Inzar (5th), 10 Helmsman, 20 The Jotter, 33 Smart Guest, 40 Be Mindful, Silca Blanka, Sonic Boy (6th). 12 ran. 1¼l, 3l, nk, 1¼l, ¾l. A Fabre at Chantilly. Tote £1.80; £1.30, £1.90, £4.30. DF: £5.50. Trio: £51.10. CSF: £12.07. Tricast: £100.27. 1min 21.93sec.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1. Parthian Springs (L Detton, 3-1 fav); 2. Children's Choice (16-1); 3. Sharp Falcon (12-1); 4. Pride Of May (33-1). 20 ran. 2l, 1l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £5.80, £2.30, £13.20. DF: £107.00. Trio £396.90. CSF: £48.51. Tricast: £489.09.

4.45 (5f) 1. Incarvillea (M J Kinane, 3-1); 2. Hear The Music (12-1); 3. Dance Of The Moon (5-2 fav). 11 ran. Nk, 3l. D Loder. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £26.80. Trio £38.40. CSF: £37.13.

5.20 (1m) 1. Solar Flight (Pat Eddery, 13-2); 2. Tertium (9-1); 3. Kazalo (8-11 fav). 10 ran. NR: Farmer's Tern. 2½l, ¾l. B Hills. Tote £5.10; £1.50, £3.00, £1.10. DF: £30.80. Trio £7.40. CSF: £58.64.

Jackpot: £29,087.30.
Placepot: £210.30. Quadpot: £4.50.

Pontefract

Going: firm

2.45 (5f) 1. Kala Sunrise (J Fortune, 11-2); 2. Butterwick Belle (10-1); 3. Manolo (4-1). Princely Sound 7-2 fav. 13 ran. 1¾l, ½l. C Smith. Tote £7.10; £1.60, £2.70, £1.60. DF: £47.40. Trio: £149.70 (part won, pool of £136.52 carried forward to 2.35 at Newmarket today). CSF: £59.51.

3.20 (1m 4yd) 1. Callisar (K Darley, 16-1); 2. Profit Release (16-1); 3. Pop To Stans (18-1); 4. Boundary Express (12-1). Tolls Choice 5-1 fav. 22 ran. 2¼l, 1¼l. P Howling. Tote: £30.40; £5.00, £3.50, £4.20, £2.60. DF: £149.10. CSF: £261.48. Tricast: £3,810.77. Trio: not won (pool of £538.03 carried forward to 2.35 at Newmarket today).

3.50 (1m 2f 6yd) 1. Al Safeer (D Holland, 13-2); 2. Godwin (5-6 fav); 3. Sugar Mill (16-1). 16 ran. NR: Amy's Dream, Roufontaine. 1¼l, 10l. J Hills. Tote £8.50; £1.80, £1.20, £3.10. DF £5.10. Trio £33.00. CSF: £12.86.

4.25 (6f) 1. Chiming In (J Fortune, 7-1); 2. Arasong (16-1); 3. Brockton Flame (8-1). Golden Lady 5-2 fav. 12 ran. 1½l, ¾l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £9.60; £1.90, £4.40, £2.50. DF: £84.20. Trio: £199.30 (part won, pool of £140.41 carried forward to 2.35 at Newmarket today). CSF: £104.43. Tricast: £845.73.

5.00 (1m 4yd) 1. Beauchamp Jazz (G Duffield, 8-11 fav); 2. Prize Pupil (2-1); 3. Shaffishayes (11-2). 6 ran. 8l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote £1.70; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.37.

5.30 (1m 2f 6yd) 1. Obelos (T Ives, 14-1); 2. Kalou (12-1); 3. Hillzah (11-1); 4. Sommersby (14-1). Drummer Hicks 7-2 fav. 19 ran. 1½l, 1l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £20.60; £3.90, £4.00, £2.50, £6.50. DF: £172.70. Trio £521.90. CSF: £164.54. Tricast: £1,765.65.

Placepot: £204.00.
Quadpot: £30.70.

Southwell

Going: good to firm (watering)

1.50 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Penlea Lady (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2. Lewesdon Hill (7-4 fav); 3. Mischievous Girl (16-1). 8 ran. Dist, 20l. Mrs M Jones. Tote £8.50; £1.60, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £7.20. CSF: £12.07.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1. How's It Goin (S McNeill, 2-1 jt-fav); 2. Heresthedeal (2-1 jt-fav); 3. Wessex Warrior (25-1). 14 ran. 10l, 5l. W Muir. Tote £3.40; £1.10, £1.70, £12.00. DF: £3.80. Trio £63.10. CSF: £7.37. Bought in for 7,200 gns.

2.55 (3m ch) 1. Good For A Loan (P McLoughlin, 9-4 fav); 2. Menaghi (5-1); 3. Circulation (10-1). 8 ran. 5l, 4l. R Lee. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £7.60. CSF: £13.21. Tricast: £83.58.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Lien De Famille (L Wyer, 9-4 jt-fav); 2. Ballyhamage (14-1); 3. Maid Equal (6-1). Nova Champ 9-4 jt-fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. J Quinn. Tote £3.10; £1.10, £3.70, £2.00. DF: £22.70. Trio £146.20. CSF: £31.80.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1. Boston Rover (M Brennan, 3-1); 2. Basilicus (11-2); 3. Philip's Woody (9-4 fav). 9 ran. 1½l, 5l. O Brennan. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £13.10. Trio: £7.10. CSF: £19.87. Tricast: £39.38.

4.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Young Brave (Mr M G Miller, 5-2); 2. Major Look (11-1); 3. Freddie Fox (20-1). Mr Fudge 9-4 fav. 12 ran. 1½l, dist. D Young. Tote £3.00; £1.30, £5.70, £2.70. DF: £36.10. Trio: £129.60 (part won, pool of £164.30 carried forward to 2.00 at Newmarket today). CSF £30.14.

5.10 (2m hdle) 1. Chadwick's Ginger (S Turner, 11-2); 2. Reve En Rose (7-2); 3. Trecento (8-1). Keel Row 3-1 fav. 10 ran. ½l, 7l. W Tinning. Tote: £6.70; £1.90, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £9.30. Trio: £30.50. CSF: £24.73. Tricast: £140.16.

Placepot: £18.50.
Quadpot: £11.80.

Point-to-point, see facing page

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LUCAYAN PRINCE
(4.45 Newmarket)
Next best: Musica
(4.10 Newmarket)

Wood rejects 'despicable' charge

MPs attack union attitude towards rival rugby code

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, and Arthur Leathley

RUGBY League's rulers have attracted a degree of contumely from their own supporters this month after the planned takeover of their sport but yesterday they deflected criticism onto the rival code with the assistance of the National Heritage Committee of the House of Commons.

If the committee's report on relationships between the codes were to become law, *many of rugby union's smaller clubs would be cut off from government funds. The report* is highly critical of the treatment of league's professional players who seek to resume a playing career in union; in England, the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) attitude was denounced as "despicable".

Assurances from Dudley Wood, the *RFU* secretary, that rugby union players are not *paid were treated sceptically* by MPs. The report points to "*ample evidence . . . that many* pseudonymously 'amateur' rugby union players receive not only considerable financial rewards from promotional and other activities which derive from their participation in the sport as players but also receive rewards — both in cash and in kind — which the Inland Revenue taxes as direct payment for their services as players."

The report concludes: "*Until* the regulations governing rugby *union are amended to* remove discrimination *against rugby* league, *no* further money from the Sports Council or any other body which distributes public funds should go to the RFU or any of its member clubs.

"The committee also recommends that no further distribution of National Lottery proceeds should be made to rugby union clubs until rugby league is treated equally with all other sports in rugby union's regulations." Union has received £9 million from *the Foundation for Sport and* Arts since 1991 and has profited by *nearly* £800,000 from the Sportsmatch scheme.

Although ministers are reluctant to intervene in any sporting body's affairs, the strength of feeling evident in a unanimously agreed all-party report will make it difficult for the Government not to take some action. They would do so, however, at a time when England enters the Rugby World Cup next month among the favourites, and when the 1999 World Cup has already been promised to Wales.

The Welsh Rugby Union intends to apply for a grant from the Millennium Fund towards the £100 million re*building of its headquarters* at Cardiff Arms Park, and Edward Jones, *the secretary,* said: "The report comes at a time when the WRU is currently endorsing applications for the reinstatement of former rugby league men. This is in accord with the recent relaxation of the amateur regulations by the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), by whom we are governed. I think it would be rather unfortunate if the WRU, or any other governing body, were barred from receiving public *funding.*"

The IRFB itself, which last *month stipulated a three-year* stand-down period for professional players seeking reinstatement to union, acknowledged the significance of the report, which is clearly aimed primarily at England, though its effect would be felt in Scotland, who recently received a £2 million grant towards the refurbishment of Murrayfield, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Ian McCartney, chairman of the Parliamentary Rugby League Group and Labour MP for Makerfield, said: "The RFU has been found guilty and sentenced to capital punishment. This will hasten the professionalisation of rugby union and will shake the establishment to its roots."

However, Wood's roots remained *distinctly unshaken* last night. He rejected the *report's findings and doubted* whether the Government *would attempt to adopt them.* "The interesting thing is how *little money rugby* union has had over the years, in view of its very considerable success," he added.

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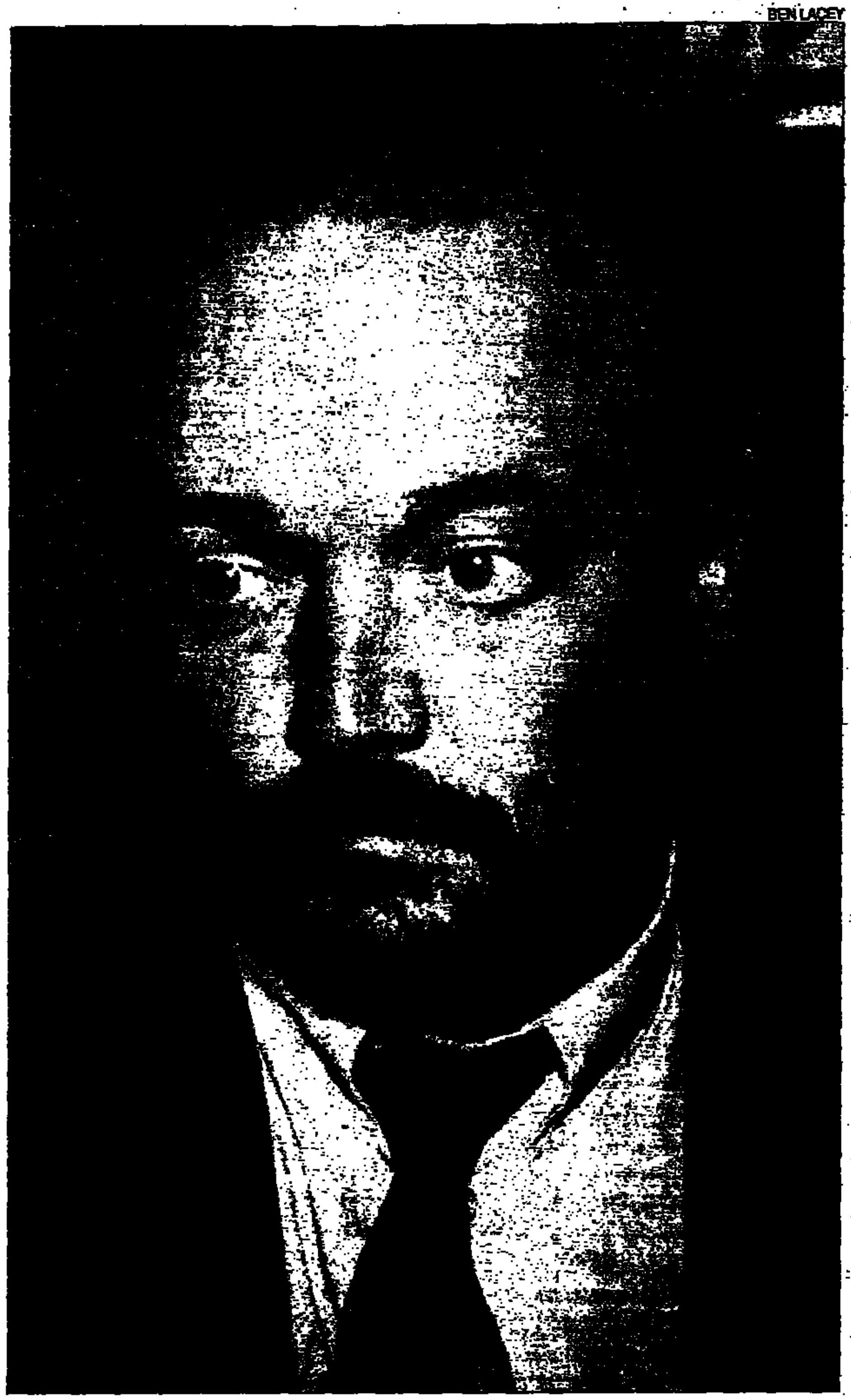
BEN LACEY



Peter Francisco, the snooker player, arriving at the Grosvenor Hotel in Sheffield yesterday to appear before an inquiry into betting irregularities. Report, page 48

Tributes to a Labour giant

The Makers of Modern Politics. *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*

The first-division contributors to *The Times's* Anthony Howard's profile of Aneurin *Bevan had no way of knowing how he himself* planned to sum up the political giant in his narrative. Which is all to the good. They *might otherwise* have despaired of coming up with labels as evocative as Howard's. At random, I select: "a working-class Coriolanus", "Labour's unguided missile", "load-star of a party in the wilderness", "natural-born star of stage or screen miraculously translated to the world of politics". Barbara Castle offers "political poet", which is not at all *bad.* John Freeman *recalls* "*a mind like an* athlete's body", which is better. And, from beyond the grave, comes a reprise of the "*Bollinger Bolshevik*" gibe aimed at the Welsh champagne socialist by Brendan Bracken.

Globe Theatre 95: The Prisoner of Papa Stour. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Louise Page's fact-based *drama* is part of the BBC's mental health season. Its commendable aim is to encourage us to open our minds to the truth about mental illness. I cannot predict whether barriers will actually fall because of this ambitiously-planned season; prejudices die hard. But at least, plays such as Louise Page's help to identify the daunting nature of the problem. The eponymous prisoner *is a 19th-*century Earl's son (Henry Goodman) confined on a remote Scottish *island because he is said to be insane.* A missionary (Teresa Gallagher) attempts to rehabilitate him.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Jo Whiley including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Sound City '95 — *Evening Session* **10.00** *Mark Radcliffe* **12.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** *Pause for Thought* **7.30** *Wake Up to Wogan* **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Martyn Lewis **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Martin Kelner **7.00** The Comediennes: June Whitfield (r) **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** The Gospel Train, featuring Paula Hinds (3/12) **10.30** The *Jamesons* **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **10.15** Film Review; **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Gut Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, *including at* **12.34pm** *Moneycheck* **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** sport **7.35** The Thursday Match: Sampdoria v Arsenal in the second leg, semi-final of the European Cup Winners' Cup **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (MW: *Off the Shelf* **5.45** From Our Own Correspondent) **6.00** News **6.30** Learning (MW: Europe) **6.45** Telltale Tunes (MW: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sport **8.00** News **8.15** Farming **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News (MW: News in German) **9.10** Faith (MW: News in German) **9.15** Composer **9.45** Books **10.00** *News,* Business **10.15** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** *Beethoven* **1.00** News, Business (MW: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Assignment **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Network UK (MW: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** To Believe or Not to Believe **5.45** Fourth Estate **6.00** News, Business **6.15** *Do You Know?* **6.30** World Today (MW: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** *Assignment* **8.00** News **9.00** *Europe* **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Health **Midnight** News **12.10am** Topical Report **12.15** Megamix **12.45** Sport **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Britain **2.00** News, Press **2.15** To Believe *or Not to Believe* **2.45** *Global* **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Oliver Twist **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Faith

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Angela Rippon **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime* Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** *Michael Mappin* **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather

7.00 On Air. Byrd (O God, the proud are risen); Chopin (Ballade No 4 [illegible]); 7.47 Ravel (La valse); Sousa (March, The Stars and Stripes Forever); 8.08 Strauss (Das Rosenband, Op 36 No 1; Ich trage meine Minne, Op 32 No 1); Britten (Sinfonietta, Op 1)

9.00 ***Composer of the Week:*** The Private World of Bach; presented by Nick Morgan

10.00 ***Musical Encounters:*** Piers Burton-Page introduces Risager (Concertino, Op 29: Gilbert Johnson, trumpet; Philadelphia Orchestra under *Eugene Ormandy*); *Purcell* (Birthday Ode, Celebrate this festival: The Sixteen Choir and *Orchestra under* Harry Christophers), **10.45** Haydn (Symphony No 22 in E flat, Philosopher: BBC Concert Orchestra under Peter *Maxwell Davies*); Villa-Lobos (Quintet in the form of a choro: Musica Residenz *Quintet*); **11.15** *Artist of the Week:* Nobuko Imai, viola, plays Berlioz (Harold in Italy: London Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis)

12.00 Voices: Songs from the seamier side of life (r)

12.55-5.00pm The Afternoon on ***Three,*** with Susan Sharpe

1.00 Opera Matinée: In a performance recorded last year, the Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, under Riccardo Muti performs Donizetti's comic opera, *Don Pasquale.* With Ferruccio *Furlanetto in the title role.* Lucio Gallo as Dr Malatesta, Gregory Kunde as Ernesto and Nuccio Focile as Norina

3.15 Mendelssohn and Brahms: The first of three recitals from *the 1994 Salzburg Festival.* Mendelssohn (String Quintet in A; Piano Trio in D minor); Brahms (Piano Quartet in G minor)

5.00 The Music Machine: Dick Witts explores the latest phenomenon in dance music *which remixes traditional* drumming patterns with high-speed bass lines

5.15 In Tune. Including Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E); **6.03** Chopin (Polonaise in A flat, Op 53)

7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony ***Orchestra under Jerzy*** Maksymiuk, with Leonid Gorokhov, cello, performs *Dvořák (Overture, Carnival);* Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)

9.05 Marika: *In the last of four* programmes, Marika Rivera describes how she left France *for England* during the Second World War

9.15 Portuguese Discoveries: Sinfonye and Concerto Atlantico perform medieval *music from Portugal*

10.15 Time and Changes: The pianist and composer Stan *Tracey talks about the* formation of his group Hexad in the early 1980s (r)

10.45 Night Waves: The poet Adam Thorpe *talks about his novel, Still*

11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: BBC National *Orchestra of Wales under* Adrian Leaper performs Bizet (Carmen, Suite No 1); Turina (Canto a Sevilla)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in *Parliament* **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze

10.00-10.30 News; Capital Gains (FM only), by Colin Johnson (3/4)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Children's BBC Radio 4: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, by Judith Kerr. (9/10)

10.30 Woman's Hour: Biographer Margaret Lewis celebrates the centenary of crime writer Ngaio Marsh's birth in conversation with Wendy Austin

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Radio Times Past: A wry look at broadcasting and culture in April 1955 through back copies *of the Radio Times,* and through the BBC sound archives **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; States of Mind: Globe Theatre '95. *The Prisoner of Papa Stour.* See Choice

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: *Lynne Walker considers the* health of the British musical

4.45 Short Story: Crossing the Glacier, by Berlie Doherty

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Dry Slopes, written by and starring Nick Ball. Angus Dry *has no job, no friends* and lives at home with his mum. She has an international business career and a string of lovers, but he still feels sorry for her. With Louisa Rix and Robert Harley

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Going Back: The *first of three* programmes in which people revisit places that have *profoundly influenced* their lives. Mavis Becca returns to Barcelona where she was arrested in the early 1940s for being a secret agent

8.00 The Makers of Modern Politics: Aneurin Bevan: The Politician as Hero. See Choice

8.45 Worse Things Happen at Sea, with Ian McIntyre

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for listeners with disabilities

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r)

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed, R.C. Hutchinson's story, abridged and read by Geoffrey Beevers. (4/12)

11.00 Master and Commander: Third of a six-part dramatisation by Roger Danes of Patrick O'Brian's Napoleonic seafaring *adventure. The discipline of the crew is found wanting.* With Michael Troughton

11.30 Postcard from Gotham (FM only)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Pickering confident of doing well at trials

KAREN PICKERING will know today whether she must write off this summer as a lost season, after a winter of illness and early trials combined *to conspire against* the world short-course swimming *champion (Craig Lord writes).*

Pickering is determined that she will not be among the weak, weeded out during four days of racing that get under way at Ponds Forge pool, Sheffield, today to produce Britain's team for the European championships at Vienna in August.

She contracted a viral infection in October, totally disrupting winter plans. Her best training has been done in the past month. "I'm confident for the trials," *Pickering, of Ipswich,* said. "And I know I'll be *fine by August." But therein* lies the dilemma of the early date for trials, which carry the prefix "sudden-death", a title *that masks the true nature of* this experiment — for the *timing of the trials has blunted* the biting edge of *competition.*

The choice to "go early" is a double-edged sword. As there are no second chances, those selected can undertake hard work without the stress of preparing for late trials. But so early are these events that the season has been shortened dramatically, damaging the chances of those who started their season late.

Another who may suffer is Paul Palmer, of Lincoln, one of Britain's best medal hopes and ambitious *to make the* 1,500 metres freestyle, but *lacking in long-course races.*

Lefebvre strikes in English style

By Ivo Tennant

THE PARKS (second day of three): Glamorgan, with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Oxford University by 244 runs

THERE was both hail and *snow in* The Parks yesterday and, thankfully, much else besides. Career-best bowling for a start. Roland Lefebvre, the Dutch all-rounder, who will benefit more than anybody should Glamorgan not employ an overseas cricketer this summer, took six Oxford University wickets for 45.

It should be emphasised that Lefebvre is not from overseas in the cricketing sense. *Indeed, he increasingly* resembles the quintessential *English* seamer, *returning* stingy figures in the limited-*overs game and doing just* enough with the ball not to go unnoticed at first-class level.

The season is but a few days old and yet already Glamorgan are unsure just how much they will see of their captain as well as their West Indian all-rounder. The former, Morris, *returned to Cardiff for a scan* on his back yesterday morn*ing, having been in some pain* during his century on Tuesday. He had similar problems in distinctly more temperate weather on Glamorgan's pre-season tour of Zimbabwe.

As for the latter, Gibson, the county will not now know for another week whether West Indies will have need of him this summer. Glamorgan have not been the best judges of overseas cricketers down the years and they *will find* that there will be all too few *suitable* replacements *thus late* in the day. Better to allow *Watkin choice of ends* and entrust the likes of Lefebvre *with more bowling than he* had last year.

Cricketers, like all sportsmen, have poor memories for statistics. Morris had forgotten that he scored a century in the Parks only two years ago. *In seasons* to come, though, Lefebvre should recall his *figures here — and perhaps* that his last four wickets came *in 20 balls. He will never be* other than a useful performer, but he is the epitome of joviality.

Only Kendall, who unluckily broke a thumb before the Varsity match last year, played him with any certainty. Lefebvre maintained the right line, a one-day length and, for all the sluggishness of the pitch, that was sufficient. He swiftly removed both the openers and *his last four wickets* came at a cost of just three runs. *There was one excellent* catch by Metson, diving away *to his right to hold Gupte,* as well as a neat stumping when Ridley *jammed the* ball into the ground.

There was an opportunity, too, for Kendrick to have a decent bowl and for Butcher to show how uncannily similar he is to his brother, who plays for *Surrey. Their father,* who once captained Glamorgan *and is now second XI captain* and coach of Essex, *started something,* for sure.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 360 for 5 dec (H Morris 125, *M P Maynard 86*)

Second Innings

S P James not out	19
A Dale not out	15
Extras (lb 5, nb 2)	7
Total (no wkt)	41

BOWLING: MacRobert 8.5-1-24-0; Mather 6-2-12-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*G I Macmillan b Lefebvre	6
I J Sutcliffe b Lefebvre	2
C *M Gupte c Metson b Watkin*	13
A C Ridley st Metson b Croft	34
W S Kendall lbw b Lefebvre	52
H S Malik c Dale b *Watkin*	27
N F C Martin c Metson b Watkin	7
A D MacRobert b Lefebvre	7
J D Ricketts lbw b Lefebvre	0
†C J Townsend b Lefebvre	0
D P Mather not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 5)	9
Total (71.3 overs)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-8, 3-44, 4-64, 5-*143, 6-147, 7-151, 8-152, 9-152.*

BOWLING: Watkin 21-6-59-3; Lefebvre 18.3-8-45-6; Dale 7-2-8-0; Croft 7-5-3-1; *Kendrick 11-8-10-0;* Butcher 7-2-23-0

Umpires: P Adams and N T Plews

Battye rises to Lancashire offensive

By Simon Wilde

FENNER'S (second day of three): Lancashire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Cambridge University

IF — or rather when — Cambridge University is stripped of its first-class cricketing status, one of the great pities will be the virtual extinction of top-class fixtures readily available to the city's sports-loving folk. Judging by the indifference they showed to the bitter winds that scythed across Fenner's yesterday, they deserve better than to be made to travel the 40 miles to Chelmsford or the *60 miles to* Northampton to watch top-class performers in *action.*

It was a day for fielders to *keep their hands in their* pockets and for batsmen to get on with it or risk fossilisation at the crease. It was no surprise, therefore, that after Watkinson had declared Lancashire's first innings at its overnight position of 245 for four, the one Cambridge batsman to rise to *the challenge hailed from a no* less hardy tribe, Yorkshire.

Richard Battye, *playing* only his second first-class match, came to the wicket with his side 38 for four in the 27th over. Ragnauth had fallen to the first ball of the day, from Martin. Stanley had gone in Austin's second over, and Ratledge, after 85 minutes of unproductive resistance, and Carroll had departed in the space of three balls from Watkinson.

The innings appeared in terminal decline and even *Battye, doubling his career* aggregate with a nudge to fine *leg for two, did not suggest a* dramatic change. Soon, Cake, Cambridge's best player, who seemed unable to decide whether to attack or defend, had made a similar error to Crawley the previous day and been bowled trying to hit through the leg side.

For the next two hours, *though,* Battye *frustrated* Lancashire's attempts to dislodge *him and with a succession of* partners raised his own score to 65 and the total from 51 for five to 158 for eight. Moreover, he enabled his captain the luxury of a declaration — albeit 77 runs behind.

Battye, who is in his seventh year at Cambridge and is taking a PhD in the early universe, kept Yates and Watkinson at bay and showed *that he knew of a different* kind of big bang when Martin *and Austin returned to try* and knock him out of the way. Austin, *whose first ten overs* had cost just six runs, found *his next four* going for 23.

Whittall, who provided Keedy with his first first-class wicket, Haste and Birks gave useful support. Battye, who hit nine fours, later spoilt Austin's day even further, catching him at mid-off.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 245 for 4 dec (N J Speak 116, J P Crawley 74)

Second Innings

G D Lloyd *not out*	22
I D Austin c Battye b Haste	10
†W K Hegg not out	12
Total (1 wkt)	44

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13

BOWLING: Haste 6-1-23-1; Janisch 6-3-9-0; Whittall 4-1-12-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R T Ragnauth lbw b Martin	0
D I Stanley c Watkinson b Austin	6
J Ratledge b Watkinson	13
R Q Cake b Yates	27
J P Carroll lbw b Watkinson	0
R A Battye b Yates	65
*A R Whittall st Hegg b Keedy	9
N J Haste c Fairbrother b Watkinson	15
†M J Birks not out	18
A N Janisch not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 4)	15
Total (8 wkts dec, 83 overs)	168

J W O Freeth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-6, 3-38, 4-38, 5-51, 6-76, 7-106, 8-158

BOWLING: Martin 14-5-36-1; Austin 17-8-36-1; Watkinson 16-6-27-3; Keedy 16-7-21-1; Yates 20-9-37-2.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup
Semi-final, second leg
Chelsea (0) v Real Zaragoza (3) (8.0); Sampdoria (2) v Arsenal (3) (at Genoa)

FA Carling Premiership
Blackburn v Crystal Palace (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference
Dover v Woking (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Kilmarnock v Rangers (7.45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Spennymoor v Hyde. First division: Bamber Bridge v Blyth Spartans

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham v Marlow. First division: Boreham Wood v Bognor Regis. Second division: Banstead v Thame, Malden Vale v Windsor and Eton. Third division: Harefield v Clapton, Hertford v Camberley, Southall v Horsham

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Tonbridge AFC v Fareham. Midland division: Redditch v Forest Green, Tamworth v Ilkeston

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws v Ton Pentre

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore v Mangotsfield

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Kings Heath v [illegible]; West Midland Fire Service v [illegible]

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: RTM Newcastle v Bedlington Terriers

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich v Millwall

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Potton v Desborough

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Distillery v Ards

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Brighton (at Welling Town); [illegible] v Bristol Rovers. Second division: Birmingham v Swansea (at Sutton Coldfield, 7.0)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Stoke v Manchester Utd (7.0). Second division: Grimsby v Preston (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Mansfield (at Hillsborough, 7.0)

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Senior division one: [illegible]. Senior division three: [illegible] v Latymer R

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Shield
11.0: third day of four
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v England A

University matches
11.30, final day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Lancashire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three. Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Glamorgan. Third day of four. Taunton: Somerset v England Under-19

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship
First division
Featherstone v Widnes (7.30)
Oldham v Castleford (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser championship play-off: Quarter final, third leg: London v Leopards (8.0)

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated): Speedway Star Knockout Cup. First round, first leg: Ipswich v Peterborough, Middlesbrough v Glasgow. Second leg: Sheffield v Long Eaton (7.45)

SWIMMING: European championship trials (Sheffield)

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Billy, a suitable case for further treatment

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

For the second week running, **Modern Times** (BBC 2) last night focused on someone who has made a living from menacing an innocent public, only unlike the public relations diva Liz Brewer, who chirruped about fame and fabulous clients in last week's episode, Billy — this week's subject — traded in less blunt instruments of torture than 8-in x 10 in glossies of Ivana Trump.

What makes Billy such an engaging curio, at least as far as former Liverpool gangland thugs go, is that he would be far more frightened of meeting you, or even Ivana, down a dark alley than you would of meeting him.

It's not that Billy scares easily. It's just that after years of slicing up strangers *without much* provocation — "*I had a shotgun*, a semi-*automatic pistol and rifle, hand* grenades. People were scared of me" — he twigged that unless he pulled himself together, he would *end up killing someone. Compassion mugged him from behind one night*: "*I went to this man's house*, dragged him out of bed and stuck a gun in his mouth. His wife was screaming. Seeing the pain on that woman's face I thought, 'What am I doing?'" So he turned over a new leaf.

But having retreated from the brink, he is now petrified that he will not be able to house-train his violent streak: like a reformed alcoholic, he is twitchy about falling off the wagon and lashing out uncontrollably at passers-by, even at his three-year-old daughter. How twitchy? Twitchy enough to hire a pair of chunky bodyguards — not, as in the old days, to protect him from underworld enemies, but to protect the public from his rage. Living in this Lewis Carroll world, a perplexing mirror-image of his former way of life, Billy also carries handcuffs — again not to shackle others, but to secure himself to any convenient railing *should he feel a flush of violent fury coming on*.

Cathy Elliot's *film tracked* 43-year-old Billy *as he* checked into the Maudsley Psychiatric Hospital in south London, for a 12-week course to shake off what has turned from a fear into a full-blown obsessive compulsive disorder. Billy's first hurdle was coming to terms with the afflictions of his fellow patients: one feels contaminated, one fears blood and semen. Another has a phobia about Jack the Ripper that keeps her well clear of Whitechapel, which baffles Billy even more than his own crisis: of all the thousands of people Jack the Ripper could terrorise if he returned to London, he asked the lady, why would he choose little old you?

But Billy *sneered less as* he began *confronting his own demons*: as he mixed with people again, and strolled anxiously through busy railway stations, he realised how painful the treatment is. The Maudsley's medicine comes in the form of exposure therapy, in which patients must face their phobias directly. So Billy abandoned his bodyguards, travelled by train, *shopped* in *supermarkets*: yet *three months of* counselling later, *the Maudsley* method had proved only partially successful. Still, Billy can console *himself that he is not the only casualty of this therapy. It fell flat on its face when* **Ricki Lake** (Channel 4) hijacked the technique *for her show*.

Never one to let the big questions go unanswered, Ricki yesterday turned her microphone on three women whose obsessive compulsive disorder seemed to be an inability to exist without a man, even one who might be dim, nasty or mean.

Vicky, Donna and Karen were wheeled before the studio audience to confess that "Without A Man In My Life I'm Nothing". Ricki's exposure therapy relied on salting the audience with uninspiring men, whose contributions to the debate were so incoherent that they made the speaking clock sound *thought-provoking*. The treatment failed to work at all on Vicky, *who went home insisting* "I *need a man to make me happy*". *Or on Karen, who still swore that* "*It's better to have a man who treats you like dirt than no man at all*," by which *she seemed to be suggesting something even more ominous* than spending Saturday night toying with Danny Baker's offer of a free pack of Daz.

Maybe Vicky and Karen should see just how really grim Saturday nights can get by visiting their local casualty ward after the bars close. Or they can take a short cut and switch on **Cardiac Arrest** (BBC1). Back for another series, this time in a casualty ward, *Cardiac Arrest* continues its watchable cocktail — one part *Dr Kildare* to two parts each of *NYPD Blue* and *Hill Street Blues*, a dash of sympathy, plus jokes to cut any sickly aftertaste.

No scene lasts much longer than 30 seconds, which is the writer John MacUre's *way of catering to the modern fashion for cut-and-run drama. With corridors brimming* with patients on trolleys waiting for a bed, avuncular consultants recalling "a time when the most important people were the patients", an overworked surgical registrar doing his rounds on roller skates, and patients dying for lack of resources and bungled diagnoses, the new series will probably attract the same accusations of anti-Bottomley, left-wing bias as the first one.

Andrew Collin and Claire Maitland, who have matured from green newcomers in the first series into jaundiced senior house officers, punctured the breathtaking arrogance of new boy Phil Kirkby. "We work on this ward here," Andrew started explaining to Phil, before Claire butted in: "*Phil, you work in a pool of excrement. Your job is to swim for the shallow end.*" Frankly, *it sounds pretty much like* Karen's idea of man-hunting.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (50310)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31287049)

9.05 Swat Kats: Deadly Pyramid (4972812)

9.25 Why Don't You...? (s) (2255914)

10.00 News (Ceefax), *regional news and weather* (1328952) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (5283907)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Family magazine (s) (8695594)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (6779117) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (2609846) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (Ceefax) (69898020)

1.00 One O'Clock News and Weather (Ceefax) (39778)

1.30 Neighbours, (s). (Ceefax) (86534778)

1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz *presented by Henry Kelly (s)* (86538594)

2.15 FILM: Charro! (1969) *Jess has to take drastic action when his old gang frame him for a robbery.* Starring Elvis Presley. Directed by Charles Marquis Warren. (433310)

3.50 Monty (s) (1164662) **3.55 Why Did the Chicken?** (s) (8133310) **4.10 Speed Racer** (Ceefax) (7065020) **4.35 The Ant and Dec Show** (s) (Ceefax) (3831933)

5.00 Newsround (9342335)

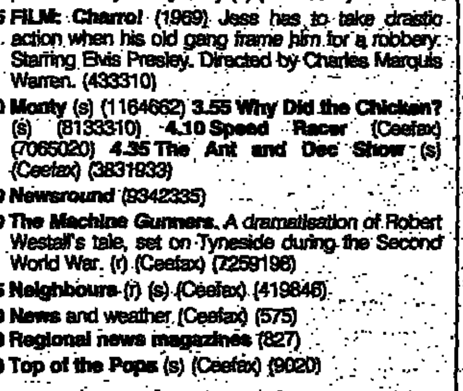
5.10 The Machine Gunners. *A dramatisation of* Robert Westall's tale, set on Tyneside during the Second World War. (r) (Ceefax) (7259198)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (s) (Ceefax) (419846)

6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (575)

6.30 Regional news magazines (827)

7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (Ceefax) (9020)



Newlyweds Ruth and Mark Fowler (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Wedding bells are ringing but will Michelle make it there on time? With Caroline Paterson and Todd Carty (s) (Ceefax) (339)

8.00 Wildlife on One: Night of the Leopard (s) (Ceefax) (5440)

8.30 Crown Prosecutor. Marty and Lenny find themselves on cases which could divide their loyalties. (s) (Ceefax) (4575)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (7643)

9.30 Absolutely Fabulous. (Ceefax) (s)(87778)

10.00 Men Behaving Badly: Casualties. Deborah *decides to sell her flat and go traveling in Asia (r).* (s) (Ceefax) (42117)

10.30 Clive James: Postcard from Sydney. A wry look at life Down Under, where James's home town has changed a lot (r). (Ceefax) (592198)

11.20 Sportsnight Special. Highlights of tonight's match between Chelsea and *Real Zaragoza* (553594)

11.55 FILM: The Good Wife (1986) starring Rachel Ward and Bryan Brown. An Australian drama about a frustrated suburban wife whose life is turned upside down by the arrival of a debonair newcomer. With Sam Neill, Steve Vidler and Jennifer Claire. Directed by Ken Cameron (470372)

1.25am Weather (8831570)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News *(Signed and subtitled)* (7500846)

8.15 Westminster: On-Line with Andrew Neil (s) (7063117)

9.00 Power Game: The Unelected. Continuing the series behind the scenes in the corridors of power, Washington DC (86223)

10.00 Playdays: The Patch Stop. (r) (s) (7188533)

10.25 World Snooker from Sheffield (s) (15192372)

12.30 Working Lunch (65556)

1.00 The Little Polar Bear (85885391)

1.05 Juniper Jungle (73240730)

1.15 World Snooker. More action from Sheffield (72916914)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross.** (s) (Ceefax) (1176662) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (2557001)

4.00 World Snooker *from* Sheffield (s) (3469)

6.00 Quantum Leap: Future Boy. Scientist Sam Beckett returns as a young actor who must prevent an eccentric television actor from being committed to an institution by his daughter. (r) (s) (Ceefax) (304372)

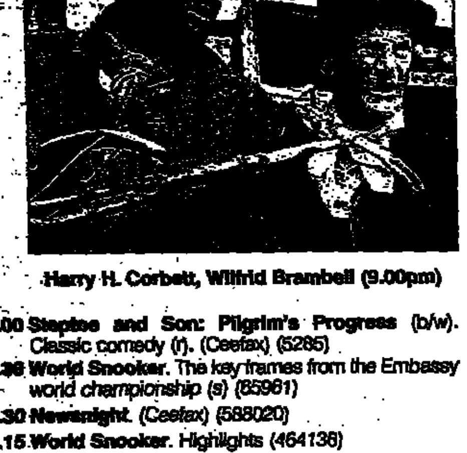
6.45 Lifeswaps. Two gadget addicts with an automated dream home swap lives with organic farmers from a *remote hillside in Wales (r).* (Ceefax) (916575)

7.00 Waiting for God. *Retirement home comedy (r)* (s) (Ceefax) (7662)

7.30 First Sight: College Wars. A report on a secret Muslim sect that is trying to convert school leavers to Islam (661) **Wales:** Gloves, Sweat and Tears; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West

8.00 Russian Wonderland. A compilation of three short films by Russian film-makers (s) (Ceefax) (6310)

8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson reports from the driving seat of a range of new convertibles including the Saab 900, the Peugeot 306, the Fiat Punto and the Toyota Celica. Tiff Needell tests the new 911 Porsche. (s) (Ceefax) (2117)



Harry H. Corbett, Wilfrid Brambell (9.00pm)

9.00 Steptoe and Son: Pilgrim's Progress (b/w). Classic comedy (r). (Ceefax) (5285)

9.30 World Snooker. The key frames from the Embassy *world championship* (s) (85961)

10.30 Newsnight. *(Ceefax)* (588020)

11.15 World Snooker. Highlights (464136)

11.55 Weather (813778)

12.00 Open View (s) (4969179)

12.05am The Record. Today in Parliament (s) (1737599). Ends at 12.25

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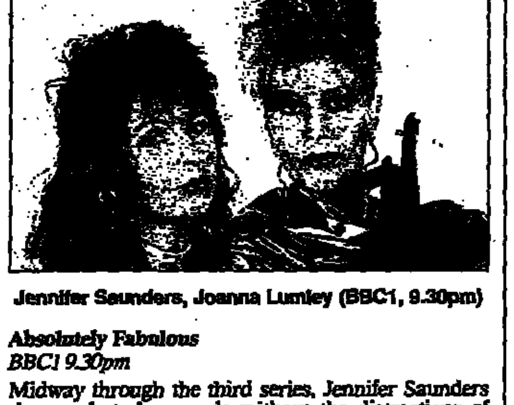
CHOICE

The Holylands
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The last of the trilogy, which has looked at the current situation in Israel in the wake of the 1993 Oslo peace accords, concentrates on the victims of the "peace". Since the signing of the accords more than 100 Israelis and 200 Palestinians have been killed, many victims of religious fundamentalists dedicated to undermining the peace process. This moving documentary looks at the emotional impact on the families and how they struggle to make sense of their loss. Against this backdrop, keeping the peace initiative alive seems a *fragile proposition indeed. It is left to a widow of a* murdered pro-reconciliation Jewish farmer to have the last word: "If I could only climb a mountain, I'd shout, so the whole world would hear, Enough! Enough!"



Jennifer Saunders, Joanna Lumley (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Absolutely Fabulous
BBC1 9.30pm

Midway through the third series, Jennifer Saunders shows what she can do without the distractions of exotic locations or celebrity guests. Sex has never been Edina's "thing", despite the 1960s and free love. Determined to correct this omission, she and Patsy hire a couple of "hunks" for an orgy. *While Eddie suffers endless* anxiety attacks, Patsy (whose bottom lip is so swollen she's beginning to look like a constipated carp) churns out cheesy, male chat-up lines. Daughter Saffy is supposedly safely out of the way *conducting* a lecture *on genetics and ethics but* things are never that simple. The scene is set for some frantic rushing about and an ending which leaves everyone cringing with embarrassment.

Wildlife on One: Night of the Leopard
BBC1 8.00pm (not Scottish)

Night filming of wildlife has been *almost impossible* because ordinary cameras need a great deal of light, which risks disturbing the animals' activities. In Owen Newman and Amanda Barrett's film, introduced by David Attenborough, an ultrasensitive video-camera has been used to track a lone female African leopard *throughout* the course of a night's hunt. Because the leopard cannot run fast she has to get within four or five metres of her prey before pouncing. Her fortunes wax and wane along with the moon: when it is clouded over she uses the shadows to conceal her presence, *but when it is revealed, so is she. An intense,* claustrophobic film, full of close-ups of eye and claw in half-shadow — a film noir of the animal world.

Food File
Channel 4, 8.30pm

"Colonic irrigation, my arse," says comedian Jeremy Hardy who has an innate scepticism *about this latest addition to* the alternative health kick. Can douching one's derriere really cure everything from dandruff to athlete's foot? Only half convinced, the anally retentive Englishman visits a north London clinic where he is shown the irrigator at work. *When faced with the business end of the pipe, Hardy turns very pale* and mutters something about a preference for several pints of Guinness. From tubes to tubers: Dr Jeremy Cherfas argues for more varieties of potatoes to be made *available* for both the shopper and the grower and *warns of the dangers threatening the spud* if biodiversity is not introduced. **Frances Lass**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3607858)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (2091204) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4738812)

10.00 James Bond Junior. Animated adventures (96575)

10.30 FILM: Return to Snowy River II (1988) starring Tom Burlinson, Sigrid Thornton and Brian Dennehy. A rugged adventurer returns to the land and the love *he left behind three years previously.* However, not everybody is pleased to see him. Directed by Geoff Burrowes (12167556) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6768001)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9662846)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9670865) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (73131575) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (86522933) **2.20 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (58821372) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary** with John Ravenscroft (1844020)

3.20 ITN News headlines (4917223) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4916594)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (8125391) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (2555643) **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (r) (6758001) **4.15 Samson Superslug** (Teletext) (s) (7066759) ***4.40 Stanley's Dragon*** (r). (Teletext) (s) (7045223)

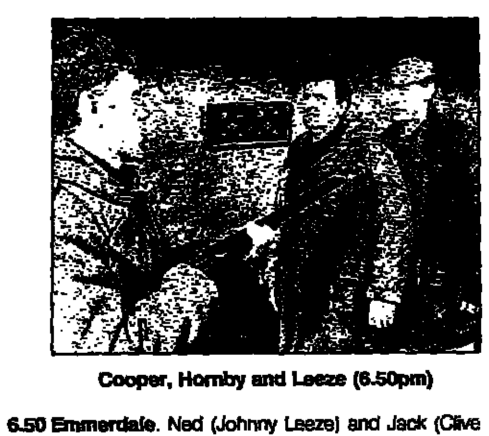
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (4653846)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (750730)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (680488)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (643)

6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (652865)



Cooper, Hornby and Leeze (6.50pm)

6.50 Emmerdale. Ned (Johnny Leeze) and Jack (Clive Hornby) find themselves in trouble when Jack tries *to confront* Derek (Gary Cooper) (Teletext) (684339)

7.20 The European Match — Live. Bob Wilson presents coverage of the match between Sampdoria and Arsenal. **NB:** In the event of extra time/penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to delay or change (90410440)

9.30 Oddballs. Eamonn Holmes takes a look at some *sporting out-takes* (72846)

10.00 News at Ten *(Teletext) and weather* (37285)

10.30 London Tonight *(Teletext) and weather* (243575)

10.40 The Frost Programme. *David Frost*, his guests and a studio audience discuss matters pertinent to Londoners (s) (238488)

11.40 Carlton Sport — World League of American Football. Alton Byrd introduces highlights of the game between the London Monarchs and *Dusseldorf's Rhein Fire* (144020)

12.15am The Little Picture Show *with Mariella Frostrup* (r) (565537)

1.15 The Beat (r) (s) (554421)

2.15 The Album Show (r) (s) (545773)

3.15 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (43373112)

3.40 Sport AM (r) (2817537)

4.35 Videofashion. A guide to the hits of the spring and summer 1995 collections (37339860)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (25131)

5.30 ITN Morning News (84247). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (7356643)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (12001)

9.00 Little Wizards (r) (47662)

9.30 California Dreams *Sly needs a date for the* Romance Dance. (6794117)

9.55 Gamesmaster (r). (s) (6702136)

10.25 Batman: Black Widow Strikes Again. (2138038)

10.55 The Adventures of Tintin (r) (5942827)

11.20 Pugwall's Summer. Pugwall is forced to go on a family holiday (r) (5686662)

11.50 Terrytoons Classic cartoons (8324575)

12.00 House to House with Maya Even (34198)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Jodie Foster (r) (27049) **1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** (r) (s) (65263339)

1.55 The Great Outdoors (r) (Teletext) (65231730)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.35, 3.05,** ***3.40*** *and* ***4.10*** *races (s)* (64687907)

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. *(Teletext)* (s) (420)

5.00 Ricki Lake: I'm Going to Change the Way You Look. Spouses *express* their dislikes about their partners and makeover stylists ring the changes in the studio (s) (Teletext) (8639515)

5.45 Bird's Life. Czech animation from Macourek, Dobrava and Born. (757643)

6.00 The Cosby Show: Goodbye Mr Fish. Family comedy (r) (Teletext) (285)

6.30 Saved by the Bell: The College Years. To cope *with the death of a popular lecturer, Zack decides to* live life to the full and goes sky-diving (Teletext) (865)

7.00 Channel 4 News followed by weather (Teletext) (597440)

7.50 The Slot Viewers' soapbox series (562198)

8.00 Memories in Store. A look at the stories behind the goods unpacked from crates in a storage *warehouse, including wartime combat boots (r).* (Teletext) (8778)

Comedian Jeremy Hardy investigates (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Food File** (s) (Teletext) (7285)

9.00 CHOICE ***The Holylands*** (s) (Teletext) (9117)

10.00 FILM: El Diablo (1990). Spoof western starring Anthony Edwards as a teacher in Texas whose pupil is abducted by an outlaw. Directed by Peter Markle. (s) (Teletext) (4933)

12.00 The Kids in the Hall. The Canadian comedy team take a skewed look at life (r). (s) *(Teletext)* (3439709)

12.35am Fighters. *Following the progress of East End boxers training with Jimmy Tibbs to become* professionals, and former British and Commonwealth champion Mark Kaylor as he prepares for a comeback fight(r). (692402)

2.35 FILM: The Long Road Home (1989). Starring Denis Forest *as a law school dropout who takes a job in a summer camp while he decides whether or not to fight in Vietnam.* Directed by William Johnston. Ends at **4.05** (2088841)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (4738812) **12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News** (8768001) **12.55 Emmerdale** (9670865) 1.25 Home and Away (73131575) 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (86522933) 2.50-3.20 *High Road* (1844020) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (4916594) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4653846) **6.25-6.55** Anglia *Weather* followed by Anglia News (240846) 10.30 Anglia News (243575) **10.40** Go Fishing (752488) **11.10** Margaret (847310) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (3254131) 12.40 The Executioner of Venice (222792) **2.20** The Beat (4991957) **3.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (43373112) **3.40** Quiz Night (93572353) **4.05** Donahue (7604421)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (4738812) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (6768001) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (1844020) **3.25-3.30** *Central News* (4916594) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4653846) **6.25** Central News and Weather (747074) **6.45-6.50** Life Line (278594) **10.30** Central News and Weather (243575) 10.40 Side Effects (238488) 11.40 The Hidden Room (204846) **12.10am** Curtis Calls (7008880) **4.35** Jobfinder (7993599) **5.20** Asian Eye (7990228)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9670865) **1.25** Home and Away (49605730) **1.50** Vanessa (65241117) **2.20** *Love at First Sight* (58821372) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (1844020) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4653846) **6.25** Granada Tonight (240846) **6.50-7.20** Emmerdale (684339) **10.30** Granada News (243575) **10.40** The Pick-Up Artist (85303391) **12.15am** The Little Picture Show (565537) **1.15** *The Beat* (554421) **2.15** *The Album Show* (545773) **3.15** America's Top Ten (43373112) **3.40** Sport AM (2817537) **4.35** Jobfinder (37339860) **5.00** Vanessa (25131)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West *Headlines* (4738812) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (6768001) **12.55** Emmerdale (9670865) **1.25** Home and Away (73131575) **1.55** Vanessa (65240488) **2.25** Gardening Time (58820643) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7007228) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (4916594) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4653846) **6.00-6.30** HTV News (652865) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (243575) ***10.40*** *The Country Set* (752488) **11.10** The West This Week (608488) **11.40** Love at First Sight (144020) **4.35am** Jobfinder (37339860)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-6.55 Wales Tonight (652865) **10.40** Hang Out the Washing (752488) **11.10-11.40** Grass Roots (608488)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9670865) **1.25-1.55** *Home and Away* (73131575) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1844020) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4653846) **6.00** Meridian *Tonight* (292389) **6.30-6.50** Grass Roots (953846) **10.40** When Time Ran Out (20773402) **12.40am** The Executioner of Venice (222792) **2.20** The Beat (4991957) **3.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (43373112) **3.40** Quiz Night (93572353) **4.05-5.00** *Donahue* (7604421)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9670865) **1.25** Home and Away (73131575) **1.55** Vanessa (65240488) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (58820643) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4653846) **6.00-6.30** Westcountry Live (322778) **10.40** Sailaway (752488) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (110488)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9670865) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73131575) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1844020) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4653846) **5.55** Calendar (424778) **6.30-6.50** Crosswits (953846) **10.40** Edit V (571730) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (108933) **12.20am** *In the Line of Duty: The* Twilight Murders (617696) **2.00** America's Top Ten (44869) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (56824) **3.00-4.30** Vera Cruz (66808)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (12001) **9.00** Little Wizards (47662) **9.30** California Dreams (6794117) **9.55** Gamesmaster (6702136) **10.25** *Batman* (2138038) **10.55** The Adventures Of Tin Tin (5942827) **11.20** Pugwall's Summer (5686662) **11.50** The Legend Of White Fang (9602779) **12.20pm** Terrytoons (6786643) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ty Chwith (83952) **1.00** The Herbs (73287407) **1.15** Dig, Dug And Daisy (73285662) **1.30** Keepers Of The Kingdom (6502285) **2.25** Channel Four Racing From Newmarket (64687907) **4.30** The Cosby Show (420) **5.00** 5 Pump (2594) **5.30** Fifteen To One (372) **6.00** Newyddion (524310) **6.15** Heno (591933) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2730) **7.30** Margaret (37440) **8.30** Newyddion (7285) **9.00** D Flam Dy Lygaid (908310) **9.55** Sincar: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1995 (631827) **10.30** High Hopes (98187933) **12.35am** Satellite Wars (7079957)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (86407) **8.00** Power Rangers (91407) **8.30** *Blockbusters* (90778) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (25399) **10.00** Concentration (47223) **10.30** Card Sharks (70914) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (71778) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (94594) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (10020) **1.00** St Elsewhere (15575) **2.00** Matlock (48952) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (9178682) **3.50** DJ Kat (4052643) **4.30** Power Rangers (6440) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (9049) **6.00** Murphy Brown (7933) **6.30** Family Ties (8285) **7.00** Rescue (2038) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4469) **8.00** Highlander (52020) **9.00** Under Suspicion (49556) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (42643) **11.00** David Letterman (743020) **11.50** The Untouchables (330730) **12.45am** Chances (4460824) **1.30** The New WKRP (16044) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (2483228)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (5621865) **9.30** *News Extra* (65372) **10.30** ABC Nightline (78556) **1.30pm** CBS News (17933) **2.30** Parliament Live (82730) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (9391) **4.00** *News and Business* (18198) **5.00** Live at Five (7961) **6.30** Talkback (8827) **8.00** News and Business (87488) **9.30** O.J. Simpson Trial, Live (578730) **12.30am** CBS Evening News (31841) **1.30** Talkback (10179) **2.30** Parliament Replay (24860) **4.30** CBS News (21773) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2701020) **10.00 A Child Too Many** (1993) (21136) ***12.00 How to Steal a Million*** (1966) (14640846) **2.05pm Switching Parents** (1993) (627662) **4.00 Lad: A Dog** (1962) (11039843) **5.50 A Child Too Many** (1993): As 10am (77472204) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (2865) **8.00 Death Becomes Her** (1992) (58204) ***10.00 Nowhere to Run*** (1993) (865827) **11.35 Pet Sematary Two** (1992) (807198) **1.20am Boxing Helena** (1993) (373131) ***3.00 And God Created Woman*** (1987) (973841) **4.35-6.00 Switching Parents** (1993): As 2.05pm (9723889)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (31575) **4.00 My Favourite Brunette** (1947) (9489) **6.00 The Monster That Challenged the World** (1957) (51339) ***8.00 The Gate II*** *(1989)* (23556) **10.00 Blue Collar** (1978) (440407) **11.55-2.00am Native Son** (1986) (18403730)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan and the Lost Safari (1957) (5583136) ***7.25 Tarzan's Desert Mystery*** (1943) (2764846) **8.35 A Tale of Two Cities** (1989) (7847933) **9.25 Thumbelina: Cartoon** (3297885) ***10.35 Top Secret Affair*** (1957) (77117682) **12.15pm Let's Make Love** (1960) (350198) **2.15 Young People** (1940) (8752846) **3.35 A Tale of Two Cities** (1989): As 8.35am (9180285) **4.25 Thumbelina:** As 9.25am (16774001) **6.00 Curse of the Crystal Eye** (1993) (44001) **8.00 Precious Victims** (1993) (56846) **10.00 Wind** (1992) (64082049) **12.10am Birds in Paradise** (1993) (241792) **1.45 Married to It** (1993) (754082) **3.35-5.30 The Hospital** (1971) (65956112)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5152198) **7.15** WWF Challenge (656339) **8.15** Soccer News (5327240) **8.30** The Pavilion End (61285) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (34286) **10.00** NBA Basketball (64049) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (29865) **12.30pm** The Rugby Club (72198) **1.30** Get Your Handicap Down (37372) **2.00** European PGA Golf, Live (482730) **5.00** WWF Action Zone (8407) **6.00** Soccer News (488117) **6.15** Fish Tales (476372) **6.30** World of Rugby Union (2543) **7.00** Scottish Football, Live: Kilmarnock v Rangers (76326846) **9.45** Soccer News (195001) **10.00** European PGA Golf (98469) **11.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (68931) **1.00-2.00am** Transworld Sport (15860)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurogolf Magazine (55372) **8.30** Equestrianism (89681) **9.30** Dancing (12204) **10.30** Karting (98778) **11.30** Motorcycling (51827) **12.00** Formula One (14933) **12.30pm** Tennis (30469) **1.00** Snooker (65372) **3.00** Eurofun (7223) **3.30** Mountainbike (92440) **4.30** Free Climbing (80310) **5.30** Rally Raid (79778) **6.30** News (7339) **7.00** Combat Sports (55074) **8.00** Wrestling (83914) **9.00** Football (64391) **10.30** Football (55440) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (41570)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7005846) **8.30** Payton Place (7004117) **9.00** *As the World Turns* (4041778) **10.00** Guiding Light (3125827) **11.00-12.00** Another World (3138391)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (7008933) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (4383933) **1.00** San Francisco (3149407) **1.30** The Spice of Life (4382204) **2.00** Australia (4962933) **2.30** Europe (2731074) **3.00** America (1884136) **4.00** Travel Guide (9036488) **4.30** Zoo Life (6131930) **5.00** Caribbean (4953285) **5.30** The Spice of Life (8131010) **6.00** North Wales (1391533) **6.30** Whicker's World (8795778) **7.30** Around the World (1265989) **8.00** Guide [illegible] (4469) **8.30** Travel Guide [illegible] **9.00** Globetrotter (1869827) **9.30** Whicker's World (2709933) **10.30** Caribbean [illegible] (010) **11.00** North Wales [illegible] **11.30-12.00** Cruising (7493339)

Elizabeth Taylor stars with Spencer Tracy (TNT, 9.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Sugarcraft [illegible] (94) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma [illegible] **10.00** Furniture to Go (2303846) [illegible] (2307858) **11.00** Only Human [illegible] **12.00** Draw with Don (4307038) **12.30pm** The Arrangement (2700049) [illegible] (4260352) **1.30** Sugarcraft [illegible] Who Cares Wins (3931914) [illegible] (8333440) **3.00** Green Fingers [illegible] **3.30-4.00** Furniture to Go [illegible]

UK GOLD

7.00am [illegible] (4270339) **7.30** Neighbours [illegible] **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5757579) **8.30** EastEnders (2688220) **9.00** The Bill (6907812) **9.30** *Colditz* (6547285) ***10.30*** *Angels* (8357204) **11.30** Going for Gold (8871001) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2507056) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2702407) ***1.00*** EastEnders (4262310) **1.30** The Bill (2701778) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (3933372) **2.30** I Didn't Know You Cared (8342198) **3.00** Knots Landing (6882117) **4.00** Dallas (6894952) **5.00** Going for Gold (84285391) **5.25** XYZ (84271198) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (2097223) **6.30** EastEnders (8387407) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (6806285) **8.00** I Didn't Know You Cared (3953136) **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (3932643) **9.00** Minder (6802469) **10.00** The Bill (1157515) **10.30** Top of the Pops (2023515) **11.05** Carrott's Lib (6000198) **11.55** Dr Who (5052681) **12.25am** FILM: The Lady Vanishes (1979) (4841334) **2.10** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (76310) **7.00** Teddy Ruxpin (45952) **7.30** Garfield (31759) **8.00** Eek the Cat (53846) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (52117) **9.00** Super Mario Brothers (43469) **9.30** Flash Gordon (94681) **10.00** Round the Twist (57402) **10.30** Beakman's World (65681) **11.00** Gravedale High (92198) **11.30** Gigantor (93827) **12.00** He-Man (56933) **12.30pm** The Boss Master (72469) **1.00** Toxic Crusaders (44223) **1.30** Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (64440) **2.00** Pugwall (5020) **2.30** Swan's Crossing (2662) **3.00** Casper (4208827) **3.15** Stunt Dawgs (589204) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (568575) **4.15** Bad Level 10! (8230020) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (9198)

NICKELODEON

7.00am SuperTed (10681) **7.30** Easter Specials (60448) **8.00** Turtles Gold (3015846) **8.45** Rude Dog (4990440) **9.00** Rugrats (36353) **9.30** Clarissa (32827) **10.00** Mighty Max (61681) **10.30** Carmen San Diego (39317) **11.00** Grammy (56372) **11.30** Denver (89204) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (36643) **1.00** Smoggies (19952) **1.30** Chipmunks (35914) **2.00** Carmen San Diego (1662) **2.30** Pete and Pete (8204) **3.00** Rude Dog (7469) **3.30** Turtles Gold (3579) **4.00** Mighty Max (9556) **4.30** Rugrats (8440) **5.00** Clarissa (2914) **5.30** NickAlive (2020) **6.00** Aaah! Real Monsters (9933) **6.30-7.00** Secret of the Stones (3335)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Horse's Mouth (8357020) **4.30** Nature Watch (8353204) **5.00** Wings Over the World (3934001) **6.00** Invention (5582489) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (5830407) **7.30** Valhalla (8354933) **8.00** Out of the Past (6813575) **9.00** Fighting Forces (6835339) ***10.00-12.00*** *Normandy* (8972730)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Space Master X-7 (1957) (2012681) **1.30pm** Smothers Brothers (2796846) **2.00** thirtysomething (2391001) **3.00** *The Bill Cosby Show* (3947575) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (8372339) **4.00** FILM: Dr Goldfoot and the Girl Bombs (1966): With Vincent Price (2002204) **5.30** 120 Volt Miracles (8364310) **6.00** Get Smart (8361223) **6.30** FILM: Who Done It? (1956): Benny Hill as an amateur sleuth (2090469) **8.00** thirtysomething (6800001) **9.00** Madman of the People (8885204) **9.30** FILM: For Love of Ivy (1968): Long Island romantic comedy with Sidney Poitier (4135575) **11.30-12.00** *Duffy's Tavern* (2395556)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5464681) **7.00** Makeover (2071643) ***9.00*** *Go for It* (6619662) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1906914) **10.05** The Treatment (1473204) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (18654223) ***11.00*** *The Young and the Restless* (7211372) **11.55** The Simple Programme **12.00** Kilroy (9188778) **12.55pm** Food and Drink (6116372) **1.30** Mr and Mrs Show (1614681) **2.00** Agony Hour (5484594) **3.00** Makeover (7868488) **4.00** *Infatuation* (8770372) **4.30** Crosswits (1156020) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (11338001) **5.30** Masterchef (8790136) **6.00** Susan Powter (8797049) ***6.30*** *Brookside* (3278372) **7.05** Crosswits (5191551) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (2713372) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2602265) ***8.55*** *The Simple Programme* **9.00** FILM: Prime Suspect (1982): Mike Farrell is accused of child murder (30952833) ***10.55*** *Sneak Scenes* (8756372) **11.00** Brookside (7871962) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (5489049)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm *Dangermouse* (6372) **5.30** Black Beauty (3778) **6.00** My Two Dads (3391) **6.30** Catchphrase (4843) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (6136) **7.30** *Me and the Boys* (5317) **8.00** Christy (25914) **9.00** Sirens (45778) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (57662) **10.30** Dangermouse (66310) **11.00** Lou Grant (21372) **12.00** *Zorro* (79650) **12.30am** *Me and the Boys* (86179) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (77605) **1.30** Rhoda (10808) **2.00** Sirens (44537) **3.00** Lou Grant (91082) **4.00** Rhoda **4.30-5.00** Zorro (58570)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (30518) **6.30** The Grind (87440) **7.00** 3 from 1 (1012556) **7.15** Wildside (8578778) **8.00** VJ Ingo (388339) **11.00** Soul (42865) **12.00** Greatest Hits (96692) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (95310) ***2.00*** *3 from 1* (18724339) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (9082933) **3.00** Cinematic (4200285) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (9373407) **3.30** Sports (6865) **4.00** MTV News (6226827) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (6249778) **4.30** Dial MTV (1556) **5.00** Dance (8730) ***5.30*** *Music Non-Stop* (86643) **6.30** The Pulse (6001) **7.00** Greatest Hits (41952) **8.00** Most Wanted (61488) ***9.30*** *Beavis and Butthead* (87391) **10.00** News (338914) **10.15** Cinematic (333469) **10.30** MTV Live! (35440) ***11.00*** *The End?* (18117) ***12.30am*** *The Grind* (88537) **1.00** Soul (75256) **2.00** Videos

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (3148778) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (7369407) **12.00** The Bridge (4371198) **1.00pm** *VH-1 to 1: Joe Cocker* (3141865) **1.30** Ten of the Best (1785778) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8789117) ***3.30*** *Into The Music* (7057204) ***6.00*** *Prime Cuts* (4393310) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8877643) **8.00** VH-1 Rock (8886391) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8873827) **10.00** The Bridge (4947952) **11.30** The Nightfly (5866020) **2.00am** Ten of the Best (2757570) **3.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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Country music from 6am to 7pm, including at **5.00** *Saturday Nite Dance Ranch* **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am *Asian Morning* (61810049) **8.30** Aangan Terha (43857730) **9.00** Hindi FILM (38484778) **12.00** Campus (43868846) **12.30pm** *India Show* (18067198) ***1.00*** *Hindi* FILM (48964020) **4.00** Zee Top Ten (99118681) **5.00** Saanp Seedi (96995914) **5.30** Aangan Terha (10010597) **6.00** Swara Bhushan (27765420) **6.30** Campus (33060812) **7.00** Song Tere Nam Se (96915778) **7.30** Dillagi (37680376) **8.00** *News, Zee and U* (96591198) **8.30** Andaz (96903933) **9.00** Doosra Aasman (55690339) **10.00** Zee Horror Show (43868575) ***10.30*** *Videos* (43878223) ***11.00*** Haveli (99119310) **11.30-12.00** Wah Janab

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, ***then TNT films as below.***

7.00pm Zebra in the Kitchen (1965) (96899136) **9.00 Father of the Bride** (1950) (37655846) **11.00 The Divorcee** (1930) (59601020) **12.30am Divorce in the Family** (1932) (5552131) **1.55 L'Homme Fragile (The Fragile Man)** (1980) (66653889) **3.25-5.00 The Divorcee** (1930): *As 11pm* (73532570)

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THURSDAY APRIL 20 1995

England A captain plunders 178 runs off champions' attack

Wells reminds selectors of wasted talent

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

EDGBASTON (second day of four): England A, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 150 runs ahead of Warwickshire

THAT Alan Wells could and should have played a Test match before now is widely agreed on the county cricket circuit. That, at 33, he is now unlikely to do so is all the more regrettable when he bats as he did yesterday, treating an accomplished Warwickshire attack with increasing disdain in making 178, all but 44 of them in boundaries.

One of the curiosities of last season was that Wells, the Sussex captain, made neither a century nor 1,000 first-class runs. Another was that Warwickshire carried all before them. Both events, on the evidence yesterday, are highly unlikely to be repeated.

There was a perverse sense of timing about this marvellous innings, played on an untrustworthy pitch in bitterly cold weather. On the day that Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of England's selectors, caused a further hiatus before confirming his Test captain for this summer, it was a good moment for an outside contender to reiterate that his batting would not be exposed at the highest level.

Illingworth must have been impressed, although with a relatively settled England top five, Wells is probably further from selection than for some years. He is also only a paper candidate for the captaincy, which will now be finalised next week and announced on April 30 at Headingley. Lancashire happen to be playing there that day, which narrows the field a shade, and Illingworth yesterday gave a broad but grudging indication that Michael Atherton remains his man.

Points are being won and lost during this delay and Illingworth is doing most of the scoring. He said that he and his fellow selectors are to meet Atherton next week and discuss certain aspects of the job. By implication, Atherton will be told that he must conform with the chairman's way of operating or be replaced.

Illingworth does not intend to speak to anyone other than Atherton, presumably unless his message meets with some resistance. "If Mike is appointed now he could do the job for a long time — maybe even ten years," he said. For Atherton, the next ten days may seem quite long enough.

Wells's most recent century was in January of last year in South Africa, where he had first gone four years earlier, piqued at being overlooked by England and prepared to suffer the ban that followed. He sacrificed his likeliest years of Test cricket, but has matured as a leader after a headstrong start, and batted with quiet but unmistakable command.

He came to the crease after two early wickets, and with stormclouds gathering. Gallian had gone in Donald's first over of the day, the start of a waspish and demanding spell by the South African. When Vaughan, thoroughly bogged down, pushed tentatively at Welch, Wells joined Ramprakash in what was to be the central partnership — only, however, after snow had stopped play for 25 minutes.

Wells announced his mood with a flat, pulled six off Brown. He was to hit four more sixes and 26 fours, plenty of which were pulled as the bowling dropped unaccountably short, but more that were precisely driven. At times, Wells walked down the pitch to drill the seam bowlers through mid-on and mid-off.

He was not foolish enough to treat Donald with such contempt. Donald's upper body is broader and stronger after an intensive course of weight training, and Bob Woolmer, his coach in South Africa and previously in Birmingham, believes he is bowling faster than ever. It was Donald's misfortune that those on the receiving end are among the best players of pace in the country.

Ramprakash would undoubtedly have been out leg-before if a clever, slower yorker from Donald had not been called a no-ball. Thereafter, he played with freedom and authority until being hit low on the pad by Welch during an extraordinary over that had already cost 15 runs. This was not, however, the most expensive of the day. Wells reached 50 by taking 18 from four balls by Smith, whose off spin he found especially appetising. Much later, he reached 150 with a dismissive pick-up for six off Welch. When he left, down the pitch and head in the air, he had assured his side of a substantial lead.

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SCOREBOARD

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 240 (A J Moles 67, N M K Smith not out 55)

ENGLAND A: First Innings	
J E R Gallian lbw b Donald	2
M P Vaughan c Piper b Welch	9
M R Ramprakash lbw b Welch	79
*A P Wells st Piper b Smith	178
D L Hemp c Piper b Reeve	7
D G Cork c Piper b Brown	9
†P A Nixon not out	51
G Chapple c Piper b Brown	17
M C Ilott not out	4
Extras (b 5, lb 12, w 3, nb 14)	34
Total (7 wkts, 107 overs)	390

M M Patel and R D Stemp to bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-6, 2-49, 3-201, 4-228, 5-244, 6-331, 7-379.

BOWLING Donald 19-6-53-1; Small 19-7-49-0, Welch 17-1-80-2, Brown 20-4-79-2; Smith 15-3-80-1; Reeve 17-5-32-1.

Umpires D J Constant and J W Holder

TOMORROW

A county-by-county guide to the prospects for *the 1995 cricket season*

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Wells pulls Brown for four during his spectacular innings at Edgbaston yesterday

Inquiry casts long shadow over snooker championship

By Phil Yates

AFTER 5½ hours of deliberation and tense anticipation, an inquiry of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), the game's governing body, at the Grosvenor Hotel, Sheffield, yesterday had made no decision on possible action relating to "unusual betting patterns" after Jimmy White's 10-2 first-round victory over Peter Francisco in the Embassy world championship.

Betting was suspended on the match by Bola, the Betting Office Licensees' Association, after a number of substantial bets on the correct score and the WPBSA issued a statement on the match's conclusion five days ago in which it announced a full inquiry.

White led 7-2 after the first session and completed victory without the loss of a further frame. Francisco offered scant resistance and made a string of mistakes after sharing the first four frames.

Three directors of the WPBSA made up the inquiry panel. They were former professionals, Geoff Foulds, the association's vice-chairman, Mike Watterson and Bill Oliver.

They last night cleared White of any involvement and wrong doing. White emerged from the hearing to say: "This has cost me a day's practice and it's not a nice thing to have hanging over your shoulder, but something had to be sorted out because the game is too big and too clean to be crooked. It was the biggest odds-on bet of all time that I would be cleared."

Immediately after the match, Graham Sharpe, of William Hill, the bookmakers, said that the liability for his firm was £10,000 and that for the industry as a whole was between £50,000 and £60,000.

Willie Thorne insisted yesterday that he had been approached only once to "throw a match" in a professional event, at the Benson and Hedges Masters. When asked why he had not immediately reported the matter to the WPBSA, Thorne, who could not even accurately recall the exact year of the proposal, said that he had dismissed the offer with the contempt it deserved and thought it was merely the work of "a crank".

"The reason I spoke out about this was because I wanted to show the game is clean," Thorne, who meets Andy Hicks in the second round of the championship tomorrow, explained.

Understandably, proceedings in the arena at the Crucible, less than half a mile away from the venue of the inquiry, were overshadowed. However, the sole concentration of Mark Davis was centred on the opening session of his best-of-25-frame second-round match against Peter Ebdon.

Reproducing the form that enabled him to record a surprise 10-7 victory over Ken Doherty, the No 7 seed, in the previous round, Davis held Ebdon to 4-4 and looked confident throughout the afternoon.

Davis, belying his 65th position in the world rankings, established a 4-2 lead thanks to breaks of 66, 75, 58 and 36 before Ebdon, winner of the Irish Masters title last month, responded with contributions of 31, 54 and 38 to secure the closing two frames.

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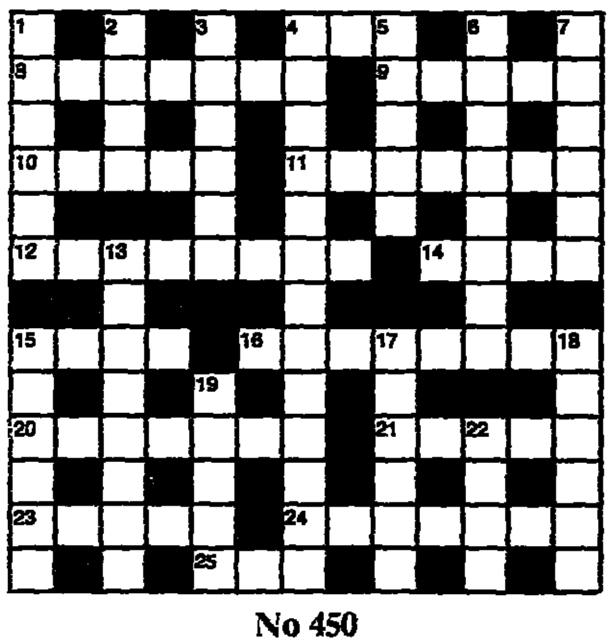
Ebdon is considering filing an official complaint to the WPBSA after arriving in the practise room before the match only to discover that one of its two tables was being used to film a live item for BBC television. With Davis on the other table, Ebdon was forced to wait while a nine-year-old prodigy from Newcastle, who has already compiled three century breaks, exhibited his skills.

The first-round match between Joe Swail, the No 12 seed, and Nigel Gilbert, a qualifier from Bedford, was suspended and carried over into a third session late last night. With Swail leading 9-8 — he had led 9-6 with a 40-0 advantage in the sixteenth frame — play was stopped in order to start the scheduled evening contests. The winner is due to meet John Parrott, the 1991 champion.

RESULTS: First round: J Parrott bt B Morgan 10-6; J Swail leads N Gilbert 9-8; N Bond leads S Lee 5-4. Second round: P Ebdon level with M Davis 4-4.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
4 Viral infection (3)
8 Resinous glossy coating (7)
9 Ability to speak, sing (5)
10 Irritable (5)
11 Musician with prominent part (7)
12 Conceited person (8)
14 Thin but strong (person) (4)
15 Flightless bird; a Saturn moon (4)
16 Feels (body for symptoms) (8)
20 In proportion (3,4)
21 Creature that goes on two feet (5)
23 Of quiet, unadventurous character (5)
24 Long-handled cooking pot (7)
25 Glacial (3)

DOWN
1 Illegally dump (rubbish) (3-3)
2 Government conciliation service (1,1,1,1)
3 Damon –, *Guys and Dolls* author (6)
4 Proverbially well-rested and immaculate (5,2,1,5)
5 Flesh flap in throat (5)
6 Rejector in principle of authority (8)
7 Junior aristocracy (6)
13 Type of tooth (8)
15 Meal (6)
17 Open to all (6)
18 Give calming drug to (6)
19 Muslim messiah; Gen. Gordon's adversary (5)
22 Opinion survey (4)

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DOWN: 1 Sandwich 2 Debit 3 Eyesore 4 Sucker 5 Ultra 6 Ashamed 7 Expo 11 Breeches 13 Drought 15 Address 16 Kitsch 18 Dwell 19 Nerve 20 Vast

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Record chase inspires Wright

From Rob Hughes
football correspondent
in Milan

ARSENAL arrived in Genoa yesterday aware that it could take unprecedented feats for them to hold on to the European Cup Winners' Cup. First, they have to protect a 3-2 lead, to become the first team to retain the trophy, and then, quite likely, Ian Wright may have to become the first player in European football to score, home and away in every game from the first round to a final.

"One chance, that's all I need, the way I'm feeling at the moment," Wright said. "I want that record, for the players and supporters who have been brilliant with me when perhaps I've let them down, with my form and suspension. But I'm driven by people telling me I'm not an international finisher. I hate being told that."

His extraordinary goal in the away leg at Auxerre in the previous round and the apparent born-again speed that he displayed at Aston Villa on Monday when scoring his fifth goal in two FA Carling Premiership matches certainly suggest that the man has peaked. He is 31, but that should be no problem, given that Sampdoria recall to mark him Pietro Vierchowod, who is 36.

Whoever said that age diminishes footballers? There are seven over-thirties in the Sampdoria side, five lining up for Arsenal. Their secret is experience. When the nerve ends fray, they know how to respond.

Wright in form

"Before the first leg, we knew that Arsenal were dangerous from set-pieces and from Ian Wright. We knew his pace could cause us problems," observed David Platt, who, suspended until the final, this week signed to play for Sampdoria for another year.

Knowledge did not suffice. Arsenal's first two goals, from Steve Bould, came from an almost primitive fear, particularly from the goalkeeper, Walter Zenga, to the high ball. The third was classic Wright, an ability to confuse a defence, almost to turn the marker and the sweeper against one another, while he found a precious yard.

However, Sampdoria at times mesmerised Arsenal with their quality on the ground: three times, Roberto Mancini produced through-balls behind the static Tony Adams; twice, Vladimir Jugovic, the Serb, scored. This time, the Italians have a second Serb, the cunning Sinisa Mihajlovic, a wonderful free-kick exponent, back from suspension. Their defence not only benefits from the return of Vierchowod, but also the redoubtable stopper, Riccardo Ferri.

Add to those the splendid counter-attacker, Attilio Lombardo, and the suspicion is that Arsenal conceded at least one goal too many at Highbury. However, Sven Goran Eriksson, Sampdoria's Swedish manager, said phlegmatically: "The tie is 51 per cent in Arsenal's favour. After all, we cannot eat to be taller in one week." In other words, preparing his excuses perhaps, Eriksson still fears the aerial bombardment coming over from London.

☐ **Andreas Möller**, the Borussia Dortmund midfield player, may be banned for the rest of the season in the German *Bundesliga* after admitting that he dived to earn a penalty in his team's 2-1 win over Karlsruhe last week. He has been charged with unsportsmanlike conduct by the German football federation.

Chelsea seek semi-final 'miracle'

By Russell Kempson

CHELSEA will seek inspiration from their distant and not-so-distant past when they take on Real Zaragoza in the second leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final at Stamford Bridge tonight. Trailing 3-0 from the first leg, they will grasp at any sliver of hope in an effort to change the nature of a tie that, so far, has flowed only one way.

Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea player-manager, has already placed divine perspective on the task ahead. "We need a miracle," he said. Yet the omens are markedly better than they were a fortnight ago after their dispirited departure from the La Romareda stadium.

History at least gives them a chance of retrieving such a formidable deficit. Chelsea's best European comeback came in 1971, in the Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals, when they lost the first leg 2-0 to FC Bruges. In the return at Stamford Bridge, they won 4-0 after extra time and then went on to win the trophy by beating Real Madrid 2-1 in a replayed final.

Recent form, too, gives Chelsea a glimmer of what is possible. The 1-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday ended a dismal run of 12 matches in the FA Carling Premiership without a home victory. On Monday, they held Manchester United, the champions, to a 0-0 draw at Old Trafford. Two reasons, perhaps, for a smidgen of enthusiasm.

Hoddle talks of his side having to score an early goal and of not conceding a goal. If the former materialises, they have a shout: if the latter happens, they can bid the cup farewell. That suspension rules out the Zaragoza pair of Javier Aguado, the centre back, and Gustavo Poyet, the Uruguay midfield player, gives Hoddle further hope.

However, Victor Fernández, the Zaragoza coach, does not indulge in such flights of fancy. "Hoddle is being a bit optimistic if he thinks he can score three or more goals against us," he said. "It will be very difficult for Chelsea, especially as I'm sure we will score a few, and we know they will try to put us under a lot of pressure. The job is not finished yet but we are confident."

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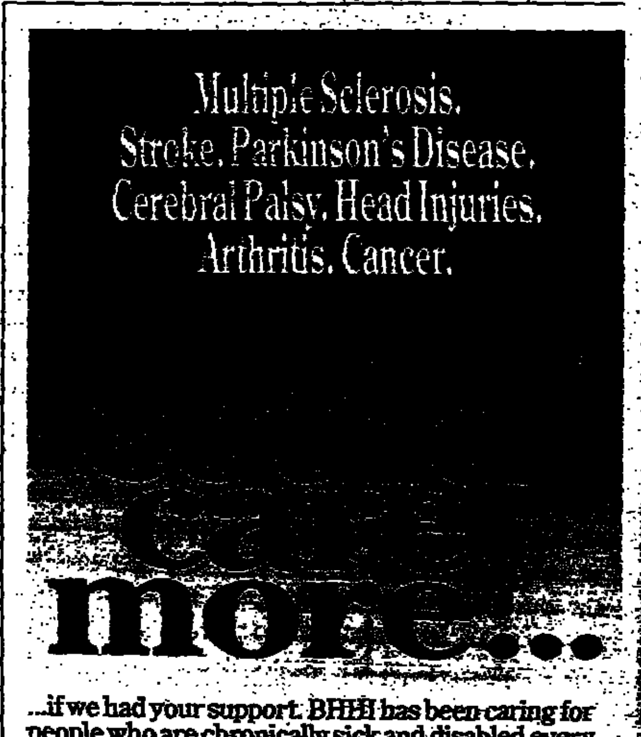

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